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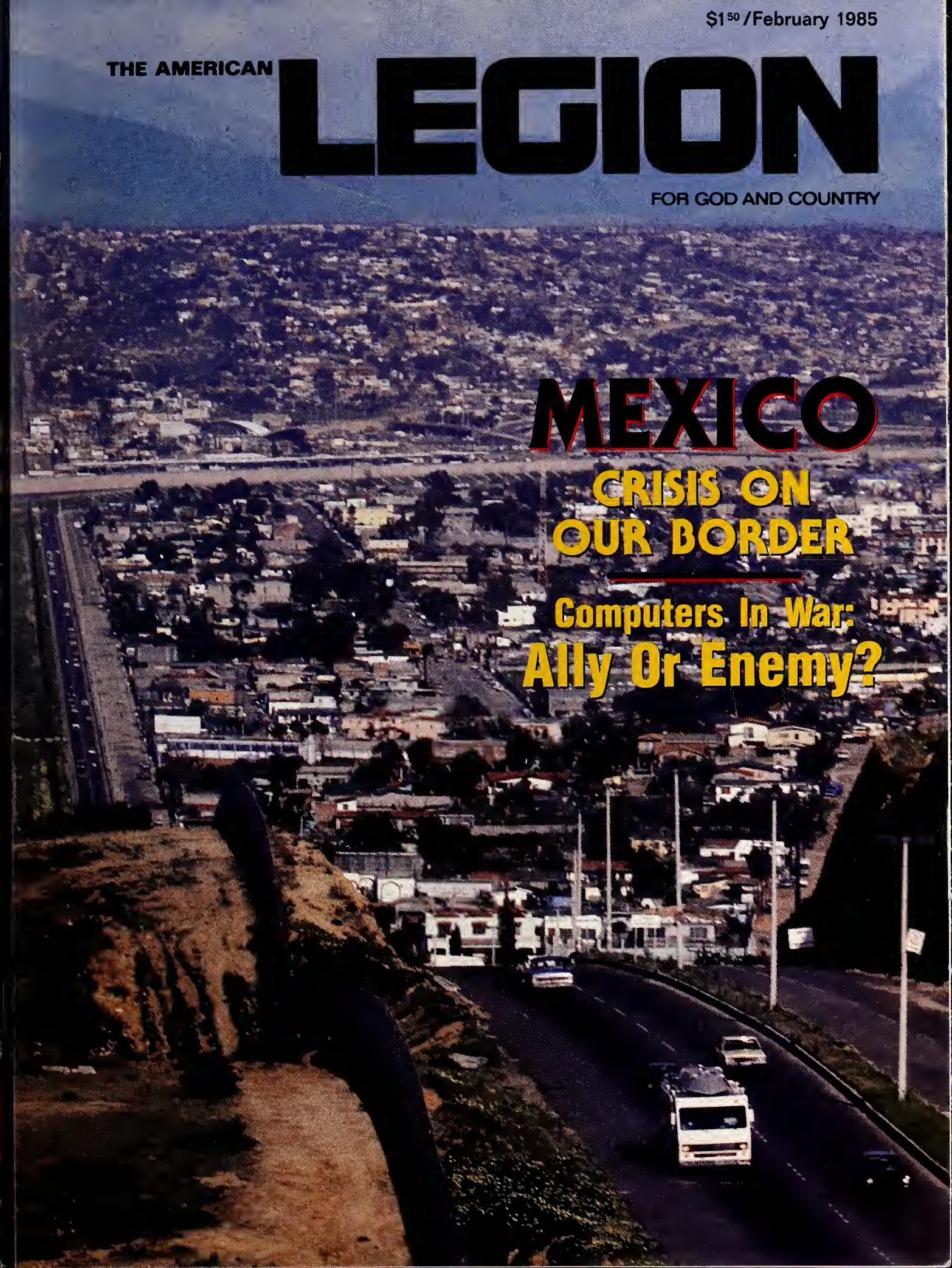
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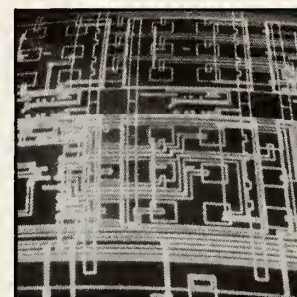
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## Freedom Fighters

The Perspective (November) on aiding Nicaragua's Freedom Fighters by PNC Keith Kreul should do well in broadening the perspective of our congressmen and national leaders on the controversy in Central America.

With Cuba as an example of a lesson learned, any congressman in doubt as to our objective for aiding the Nicaraguan Freedom Fighters should be sent a personal copy.

J. B. King  
Rodenback, Germany

job in supporting our servicemen, welcoming them home and into our great organization.

Raymond W. Gimmmler  
East Rockaway, N.Y.

## Veteran Care

Harry Walter's projections under "Caring For The Older Veteran" (December) may well be sabotaged as the economic and political power structure becomes laced with those who gained an educational and time advantage over the Vietnam veteran by acquiring educational deferment or in other ways avoided service.

Ten, twenty and thirty years from now when veterans need and deserve help, the power structure will be seeded with those people who conditioned themselves to believe that Vietnam was an "immoral war."

Your article: "The Great War Veterans: Reflections on Patriotism" (December) ties in to this. I was conservator for a WWI veteran since February 1984. No one in the VA and no one in any veterans' organization gave him any help. There was no place for him

in a veterans' hospital or extended care facility. He died Nov. 7th.

I am 75 and not a veteran, but I see the temporary glow of recognition for the Vietnam veterans fading as the years go by, unless we keep the significance of their sacrifice alive.

In the great anonymity of the Veterans Cemetery in Bourne, Mass., where my friend is buried, his stone at least will bear the legend, "You stand free because he fought."

Those words should be on every veterans' memorial marker in this country even if they have to be added to each now. If we have only sentimental inscriptions such as "to the men and women of . . . who served their country," no one will see the impact of their present freedom and be willing to care for "he who has borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan."

William D. Hersey  
Norton, Mass.

## WWII Parades

"We Didn't Ask For Parades" (October 1984) points out again the power of the media: The author, like many others, fell for a media myth. For the record, there were no parades or national homecomings for WWII and Korean War veterans. Korean veterans didn't need them; while the Vietnam servicemen did because of the constant media coverage of anti-military and anti-war demonstrations. And they got them. We in The American Legion and other veteran organizations did our

## Sunday Voting

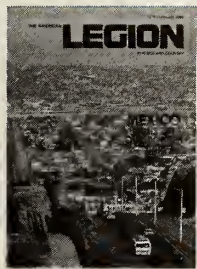
In Dateline Washington (November) you report that Rep. Mario Biaggi, D.-N.Y., introduced legislation that would change national election day from Tuesday to Sunday in order to increase voter turnout.

I feel that the politicians do the country a disservice by always trying to increase voter turnout. It is clear to me that the people who need to be encouraged to vote are really not that interested and have probably not studied the issues.

I personally would be happier if those disinterested, uninformed people would stay home rather than go to the polls only to vote according to whoever spent the most money on TV commercials.

Conrad Driussi  
Ridgecrest, Calif.

## TALM: An Advertising Eldorado



Attentive readers will notice some new and different ads appearing in this issue of THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE—including the ad on the opposite page. This is one of the happy results of the changes we've been

making in the Magazine's editorial focus and graphic appearance. Advertisers are responding no less positively than Legion members and their families.

The Legion leadership is, naturally, encouraging the addition of more high-quality advertising in the Magazine. Ad revenues obviously help offset the steadily increasing costs of staffing, production and distribution. They also help finance the continued strengthening of this main channel of communication between the Legion and its members and the public.

Why are national advertisers interested in the Legion Magazine and its readership? Because . . .

- The 2,500,000 Legion members and

5,000,000 other readers of the Magazine form one of the most demographically attractive marketplaces in America. Here is *mainstream America* at its best.

- Working through 16,000 local Posts, Legion members are a true grassroots public opinion and policy action force—one of the most effective in the nation, especially for national security issues.

- The Magazine covers and gets across to Washington, state capitals and city halls in a way unmatched by other publications. For instance, 47 U.S. senators are Legion members, as are 140 U.S. representatives and the President and vice president.

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With all these pluses, you might ask, why aren't there even more ads? The answer is that it takes time to get these points across to decision-makers in the ad world. BUT we're working on that . . . and look forward to producing still more signs of progress soon, for you who read as well as advertise.

The Editors

## The Right Mix?

The four articles on the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines (Do We Have The Right Mix?) in November were very interesting. Now, let's hear about the U.S. Coast Guard, the hard nucleus about which the Navy forms in time of war—an armed service and much more.

Cebert and Edna Bryan  
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This went on all morning. Mark caught 30 bass and I got eight.

When I pulled the boat in at noon and paid off our Indian guide, I noticed that a small, unusual seed had apparently fallen from the guide's pocket into the bottom of our boat. The odor from the seed was quite strong and certainly different from anything I had ever smelled before. This was what he had rubbed on Mark's bait!

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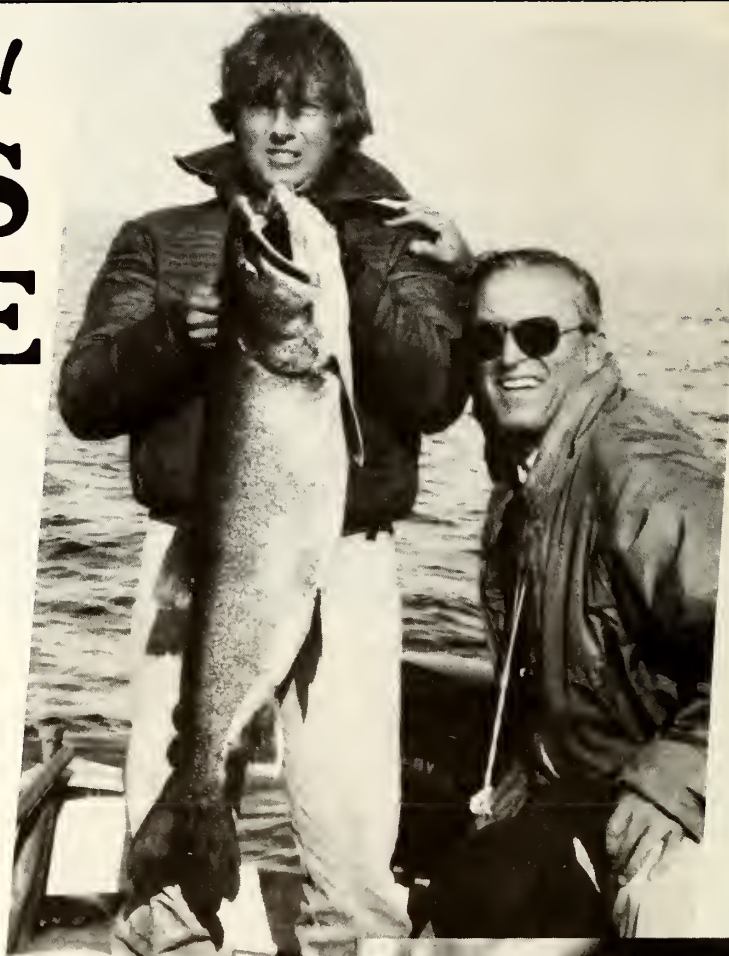
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**F**ollowing WWI, social unrest in America was growing daily. Veterans returned to find their old jobs taken by those who had stayed behind, socialist organizations were inciting dissatisfied citizens and the nation's resources were hard-put to handle the human and economic distress.

As the founders of The American Legion met in 1919 to nail together the planks from which the organization would be built, they realized a true appreciation of our nation's heritage by the public was absolutely essential to stabilize America's course and set direction for the future.

The founders knew the future of the nation lay with its young people and The American Legion was not going to let America's most precious resource be misguided by the radical social and political philosophies of the time. And, although it took them several years to put original programs in place, two visionary resolutions were adopted at the 1919 national convention that set into motion the wheels of the Legion's Americanism programs.

The first established a National Americanism Commission. Its purpose was to "realize in the United States the basic ideal of this Legion of 100 percent Americanism through the planning, establishment and conduct of a continuous, constructive educational system . . . inculcate the ideals of Americanism in the civilian population . . . spread throughout the people of the nation information as to the real nature and principles of American government . . . and foster and teach Americanism in all schools."

Thus, began Boys State and the High School Oratorical programs.

A second vote taken by the convention "resolved that The American Legion heartily commends the principles and achievements of the Boy Scouts, and recommends that each post assist Scouts in its community in



*Natl. Cdr. Clarence M. Bacon*

whatever manner practicable . . ." The long-standing relationship with the Scouting program was begun.

In 1925 our founders went one step further and resolved that "athletic competitions conducted under proper direction are the best known means of teaching . . . good sportsmanship, an essential quality of good citizenship, and in addition have genuine civic value." In short, physically fit bodies maintain sharp minds, and healthy competition promotes the principles of self-reliance, team spirit and playing the game fairly. American Legion Baseball was born.

Each of these programs has proved its worth, time and again. Scouting—with its emphasis on service to God and country and its activities encouraging youngsters to develop high moral standards, mental alertness and good health—provides the framework and proper attitude for setting and achieving high goals.

Boys State and the National High School Oratorical program, in teaching the function of government and the principles of the Constitution, get

right to the heart of educating our youth about good citizenship and how to make our republic work.

Legion Baseball provides a vehicle to practice the fundamentals of the very essence of the American spirit.

The American Legion has always advocated a secure nation built on preparedness and a strong defense. Producing defense hardware is an assembly line process. Producing an adult citizenry with an appreciation of the heritage and principles of America and a willingness to defend those principles is not.

The longevity of these outstanding examples speaks for itself. If the programs had not been accepted as a valuable part of the educational process in America, they would have faded into obscurity.

This year we have a prime opportunity to lead Americans in publicly acknowledging our founders and essential worth of the programs they created more than half a century ago.

Hundreds of thousands of youngsters have taken advantage of our Americanism programs and have used them to build strong bodies, agile minds and a firm understanding of what America is all about. Hundreds of thousands more are waiting in the wings for encouragement to participate.

In this anniversary year of so many Americanism activities, reach out to the young adults in your community and offer them the same opportunities given to others during the past decades. We need them to keep America true to the principles of justice, freedom and democracy.

And, while you're at it, strongly encourage those veterans who have fond memories of their Scouting, Boys State and oratorical and baseball days to join you and join The American Legion in this necessary and worthwhile effort. After all, they're the ones who proved the programs work. □



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## Top Recruits for the Military

The quality of U.S. military recruits continued to rise in 1984, according to defense officials. Of the 291,000 men and 37,000 women who enlisted last year, 93 percent were high school graduates—up from 91 percent in 1983. Defense spokesmen were quick to note that the percentage vastly exceeded national figures that show approximately 75 percent of the nation's youth with high school diplomas.

The Air Force leads the services with 99 percent of its ranks having high school diplomas. The Marine Corps has 95 percent; the Navy, 93; and the Army, traditionally having the greatest difficulty in attracting high quality recruits, shows 91 percent.

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said 1984 also marked another banner year in retention despite an improved economic environment, allowing the military to be more selective in keeping high quality members with specific skills. However, Weinberger warned that "the sustained economic recovery will provide challenges that will require continued congressional and public support . . ." to maintain top-notch people.

## Exploring the Near Universe

A dazzling series of explorations into space are planned by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration into the year 2000, funds permitting.

A core program of 13 thrusts into the solar system is scheduled for all regions of the "near universe", i.e., all bodies in the solar system except the sun and Earth.

NASA, which in 1983 launched a joint mission with the Netherlands and the United Kingdom into infrared astronomy, is planning to set up a space telescope in 1986 in cooperation with the European Space Agency. A roentgen-ray satellite project will be conducted with West Germany as a partner.

Among the specific goals of NASA over the next 15 years are to understand the origin, evolution and present state of our solar system, and the relationship between the chemical and physical evolution of this system and the appearance of life on Earth.

## Colleges Must Improve, Too

Even as the federal government struggles to upgrade the quality of education in our nation's grammar and high schools, a panel of prominent educators has warned the administration that our colleges and universities are also suffering from serious quality problems. In a report to the Department of Education, the panel disclosed that students' average scores fell in 11 of 15 major subject area tests between 1964 and 1982, with the sharpest declines in subjects requiring high verbal skills.

The study also revealed that one out of eight qualified

high school seniors does not go to college, while half of those who do go, drop out. The panel also reported an increasing number of college undergraduates are majoring in narrow specialties, and many are abandoning the traditional arts and science fields. Almost half of the 1,000 majors and programs offered by American colleges today are in occupational fields.

Figures also show that fewer students are pursuing careers as professors, with an 89 percent decline from 1966 to 1982. Moreover, universities are turning to more part-time faculty members because of lack of funds. Over 41 percent of all staff members in 1980 were part-timers.

The panel called for drastic changes in higher education, urging that more attention be given to freshmen and sophomores, and that all undergraduates be required to take two years of liberal arts courses.

## A New Breed of Mafia

Just when law enforcement officials thought they had all they could handle trying to keep the Mafia in the United States under control, new crime cartels from the Far East are emerging in major U.S. cities.

U.S. Appeals Court Judge Irving Kaufman, chairman of the President's Commission on Organized Crime, said, "Americans today are victimized not only by traditional crime groups, but also by new criminal networks in narcotics trafficking, gambling, extortion and prostitution."

According to Kaufman, many of these foreign operations are highly structured and disciplined and have been operating virtually unnoticed by the American public. The commission said these crime groups must be stopped before they have the opportunity to proliferate. One reason for the urgency is that 65 percent of the marijuana and nearly all of the cocaine and heroin used in the United States today come from abroad, with a big chunk of those drugs coming from Asian countries.

Two such syndicates are known as the "Chinese Triad Societies," based primarily in Hong Kong, and the "Japanese Yakuza," operating out of Tokyo. Both groups function much like the La Cosa Nostra in this country. Kaufman said evidence indicates the Japanese crime groups are involved in a new form of corporate extortion. Their agents, called "sokaiya," become shareholders of target corporations and then disrupt meetings through violence or filibuster techniques unless their costly demands are met by the corporate treasury.

## Quote of the Month

*"A familiar refrain of communist strategy holds that the road to victory over capitalism goes through Mexico City."*

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# Should English Be the Official U.S. Language?

**Rep. Norman D. Shumway, R-Calif.**

By designating English the official language, the English Language Amendment (ELA) would provide a measure of legal protection to our common language, currently afforded only through custom.

**YES**



Examples of the potentially divisive nature of language in society are all too prevalent throughout the world. The trend toward government-sponsored bilingualism in America and the implications of such policies is therefore troubling. Rather than encouraging the adaptation of immigrants to the speech and customs of their new homeland, government-sanctioned programs, such as multilingual ballots and bilingual education, may actually hinder the learning of English. While well-intentioned, such bilingual policies have become linguistic barriers that discourage English proficiency and impede assimilation.

The ELA I have proposed, therefore, seeks not only to provide a needed measure of legal protection to the English language, but also to halt the trend toward government policies that actively promote languages other than English. The ELA would, among other things, eliminate the use of multilingual election materials and the requirement that bilingual teachers be used to teach students with limited English proficiency. Moreover, and perhaps most important, this amendment would make it clear to immigrant parents and children alike that mastery of the English language is indispensable.

The ELA does not seek, as some critics contend, to discourage the study of foreign languages in the United States. Clearly, competency in languages other than English is essential in today's interdependent world. Moreover, the proposed amendment in no way seeks to discourage the use of foreign languages in private contexts.

America has been immeasurably enriched by the cultural diversity of our society, thus it is vital that this diverse cultural tradition be preserved. It cannot be denied, however, that our common language has been a powerful factor in forging strength and unity from such diversity. It is therefore vital that we put an end to short-sighted government-sponsored programs that discourage proficiency in English and that tragically serve to keep many of our nation's linguistic minorities on the fringes of America's English-speaking mainstream. □

**Del. Fofo I. F. Sunia, D-American Samoa**



**NO**

English has been and always will be the official language of the United States.

The only impact of a constitutional amendment making English the official language of the United States would be to limit federal governmental business to English, an already accepted norm. Americans believe in freedom and not in government imposition of language or culture. First amendment questions must be asked.

Could Congress, a state or territory enforce an amendment declaring English as the "official" national language by legislatively restricting use of other languages by private persons in public places or bar judicial enforcement of private legal documents not executed in English?

English is the language of the United States because of cultural and social phenomena. English is the language of our country even though the Constitution does not purposefully mandate it.

The freedom of speech we enjoy both in the 50 states and in American Samoa, the district I represent, allows us to make the choice every day whether to speak English or another language, such as Samoan, which we so much desire to maintain.

Migrants to the United States have historically been eager to learn English. Even the 35,000 American Samoans on the island use the Samoan language in government, in the court, in business and in all facets of daily living, but strive to improve their proficiency in English. The 60,000 Samoans in the United States also strive for the same. I cherish both languages. Knowing both makes me better suited to understand the people and the world I live in.

While English is the key to survival here, we will not survive in the world community if we do not become better able to deal with the languages of other countries and to recognize that English is not intrinsically superior to any other language.

As our world becomes smaller and as economic strength becomes more evenly distributed among nations, we must raise ourselves from this false sense of security and begin to acknowledge and reward cultural and linguistic differences as an asset rather than a detriment to our national power.

For these reasons, I oppose legislation that would make English the official language of the United States. □







# The Soviets' Best Investment

*By Col. Lawrence L. Tracy*

**T**HE Soviet Union is now providing more economic and military assistance than is the United States government in the Central America-Caribbean region.

When we combine this fact with another—that the Soviets do not part easily with a ruble—some troubling questions surface. Why is the Soviet Union devoting almost 60 percent of its total foreign aid to a small island such as Cuba? Why is an empire that cannot satisfy the demands of its own people for food, housing and consumer goods spending almost \$5 billion annually in economic and military aid on an area thousands of miles from the Soviet Union, a region that the Soviets have traditionally considered marginal to their interests? What will be the consequences for the United States of expanded Soviet military and political influence on the southern border of the United States? The answers to these questions could have a profound impact on the security of the United States, and indeed on the world political alignment.

Soviet leaders are products of a society that has been invaded frequently over the centuries, occurrences that contribute to these leaders believing that expansionism is the best defense. Superimposed on this history is a deterministic ideology that sees the world in a class struggle, with the inevitable outcome a socialist world led by the Soviet Union. But by the late 1970s, Soviet leaders saw detours in their path, despite their growing military strength. So great had become the schism between the USSR and the Chinese that one out of every four Soviet soldiers was deployed on the

border with the People's Republic of China. The Middle East was troubling as well, and the 1979 invasion of Afghanistan has cost the Soviets to this day in money, blood, and credibility with the Third World. Closer to home, the USSR and Eastern-bloc state-controlled economies paled beside the economies of Western Europe.

Confronted with these problems, the Soviet leaders needed to regain the momentum to propel them to their supposed destiny. When they looked at the southern flank of the United States, what they termed their adver-

## Central America: a potential Achilles' heel for the United States?

sary's "strategic rear," the highly opportunistic Soviets saw a chance to exploit political tensions in the region, and to turn the tables strategically.

The Caribbean has long been considered by the USSR to be a potential Achilles' heel for the United States. The Soviets appreciate how much of a life line for the United States are the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico maritime routes. The bulk of our imported petroleum and international commerce transits these waters, and in any European conflict more than half of NATO's resupplies must ply these routes without delay if Western Europe is not to be lost. Soviet leaders also realized that the Vietnam experience had fortified American isolationist tendencies. Given all the problems the Soviets had in the rest of the world, the southern flank of the United States presented a tempting target to exploit, and the Soviet Union already has a foothold in the Caribbean in the presence of Cuba.

Despite some early differences Castro decided to cast his lot with the Soviet Union over strategy, in 1959,

providing them with a strategically located ally in the Western Hemisphere. In using Cuba as a military surrogate, the Soviets hoped to put what they term the "Correlation of Forces" more in their favor by increasing political and military pressure in a region vital to their adversary, thereby forcing the United States to divert assets and attention from areas critical to the Soviet Union, such as Europe and the Middle East. Soviet leaders hoped to do this by using Castro to exploit the economic, political, and social causes of instability that plagued the region.

Cuba has been built by the Soviets into the most powerful military force in Latin America. Since 1979, the Sandinistas in Nicaragua have aligned themselves with Castro, and are following the Cuban method of ostensibly carrying out a humane social revolution, but in reality imposing a harsh one-party state kept in power by military might. The military equipment to do so is provided by the Soviets and other Communist countries, and Nicaragua has now developed, in only five years, the largest and best equipped army in Central America.

The United States recognizes that it is hunger, poverty, desperation and frustration that drive men to become guerrillas. So does the Soviet Union and their employees in Cuba and Nicaragua. But while U.S. policy is to alleviate suffering and create political choice and economic opportunity, the Soviet Union, Cuba, and Nicaragua are attempting to make conditions even worse, especially in El Salvador, where the economy has been the guerrillas' chief target since 1981, when it became clear that they lacked popular support.

We must make the immediate commitment of will and resources needed to eliminate suffering, increase opportunity, and blunt the Soviet's challenge. If we fail to make this commitment now, we will pay much more in the future for our shortsightedness. And Soviet planners will have shown how accurate has been their reading of our national character. □

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# MEXICO: A TICKING TIME BOMB?

***A nation staggered by social inequities, economic turmoil and political corruption, Mexico faces "a state of emergency that requires emergency measures."***

**By Philip C. Clarke**

**O**ne evening last May, Manuel Buenida, an investigative columnist for *Excelsior*, Mexico City's prestigious daily, was shot and killed by an unidentified gunman who got away. Buenida was a relentless crusader against high-level corruption and had received several anonymous death threats. He also had written of growing despair among Mexican workers and peasants over soaring living costs and had warned that anger against the government soon could "spill into the streets."

While the controversial, 58-year-old journalist had rubbed many influential bureaucrats the wrong way, his words of warning rang true. Behind the travel posters of alluring seashore resorts, quaint Indian villages, Aztec and Spanish ruins and placid natives dozing under their sombreros is a nation in crisis. With social, economic and political tensions converging from all sides, Mexico could be likened to a ticking time bomb whose explosion would send shock waves racing across the U.S. border and beyond.

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Today, no one is striving harder to defuse that "bomb" and rescue Mexico from disaster than its bold and decisive president, Miguel de la Madrid Hurtado. Assuming office on Dec. 1, 1982, the 49-year-old, Harvard-educated leader proclaimed, "We are in a state of emergency that requires emergency measures."

It was a statement of the obvious. The problems and difficulties confronting De la Madrid and his restive nation of 78 million people are, in a word, staggering. They include: Rampant corruption and crime; the threat of political shootouts between left and right; spreading unrest among jobless workers and impoverished peasants; increasing alienation of the middle-class and private sector over government control of the economy; and the failure of an entrenched two-million member bureaucracy to meet the basic needs of Mexico's rapidly expanding population (78 million and, according to experts, headed for 200 million before leveling off in the next century).

In Central America, Communist-led insurrection poses a potential threat to

**PROTEST—Through sporadic wildcat strikes, workers fight for better pay and oppose inflation and wage freezes.**

Mexico's vulnerable southern borders and oilfields—and raises the specter of what President Reagan has warned could become an invasion of refugee "feet people" across the Rio Grande. The late Sen. Henry Jackson called Mexico "the ultimate primary target" of the Soviets and their collaborators.

Whatever the danger, Mexico's economic and financial crisis has commanded priority—and with good reason. By the end of 1982, when De la Madrid took over, Mexico's inflation rate had skyrocketed to 150 percent. More than half the labor force was unemployed or underemployed. Successive devaluations shrank the peso by 600 percent. With investors, foreign and domestic, running for safer havens, Mexico's economic growth rate



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**CONGESTION**—Mexico City is the world's largest megalopolis, surpassing Tokyo-Yokohama in total population, and it's still growing.

had fallen to minus 5 percent, the first decline since the Crash of '29. The nationalization of Mexico's 57 private banks and the imposition of government controls over foreign exchange by the outgoing president, Jose Lopez Portillo, only deepened misgivings.

At the same time, Mexico's public-

sector deficit had mushroomed to 18 percent of the Gross National Product. The public treasury was nearly out of hard currency reserves. And most critical of all to the nation's credibility, Mexico's foreign debt had hit an astronomical \$77 billion and was headed toward the \$100 billion mark.

Mexicans have blamed their crisis on the 1980-82 world recession. But there also was some heavy man-made input. Exhilarated by the discovery of vast new oilfields in southern Mexico in the mid-1970s, the government and nationalized industry embarked on a wild spending and building spree, borrowing billions from abroad in anticipation of booming petroleum exports and profits. With geologists estimating Mexico's proven oil deposits at 50 billion barrels, fourth highest in the world and twice the United States' known reserves, and with probable and potential deposits of crude totaling another 150 billion barrels, who could blame Mexicans for dreaming of themselves as the "Saudi Arabians" of the Western world?

By 1982, however, Mexico's dreams of princely wealth had vanished amid the world oil glut and falling demand and prices for crude. It was time to pay the piper, only there wasn't enough money on hand. Unable to meet payments due on interest, much less on the principal, Mexico seemed to have no alternative but to default. Financial centers in New York, London and elsewhere held their breath, fearful that if Mexico folded, other debt-burdened countries of the Third World would follow suit.



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## JUAN GOES TO SCHOOL

Juan is an above-average high school student from a poor family in Mexico City. He'd like to go to college but can't afford it. One day, he receives a letter from the Soviet Embassy's cultural attache, offering him a scholarship.

In all, the Soviets support an estimated 80,000 to 90,000 foreign students at their universities. Although there are upward of 340,000 foreign students enrolled in schools in the United States, most of them pay their own way and are from higher-income families who are nominally pro-American. No more than 10,000 of the students are here on U.S. government scholarships.

In 1984, more than 9,000 students from Latin America alone were enrolled in Soviet institutions, nearly half of them from Mexico. Indeed, Mexico is high on Moscow's list for special attention. Beginning in the mid-1930s, the Soviet Union began offering college scholarships to promising young Mexicans. Many of the graduates have returned to teach in Mexican schools, imparting a strong Marxist-Leninist influence. Other

Moscow graduates include influential politicians and journalists.

The same pattern applies in other developing countries, and the Soviet effort is steadily increasing. Between 1977 and 1982, for example, the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe increased their scholarships for Latin American students by 105 percent. Comparable U.S. programs declined by 19 percent.

U.S. educators believe the United States should do more, and support is growing in Congress. The 1984 budget for the Fulbright educational exchange program has been boosted from \$70 million to \$100 million. And as part of the administration's Caribbean Basin Initiative, \$6.5 million has been appropriated for student scholarships in that vital area. But the United States will have to do more to match the Soviet-bloc effort. One scholarship expert said recently, "There is a strong feeling that we have not paid enough attention to students in poorer countries. We have a lot to gain by educating the people who will be the future leaders of countries around the world."





**CITY SLUMS**—Despite Mexico's vast oil deposits, millions of Mexican families live in squalor and poverty.

Last September, representatives of Mexico's 500 creditor banks, impressed by De la Madrid's determination to restore his nation's solvency, stretched out for 14 years the repayment of about half of Mexico's foreign debt, amounting to some \$50 billion, and provided new low-interest loans to meet old obligations.

Meantime, there have been signs, however tentative, of economic recovery in Mexico, as in a number of other debtor nations. But President De la Madrid and his associates will

have to walk a long and dangerous path before Mexico is out of the economic woods.

For the vast majority of Mexicans, the consequences have been felt in a sharply lowered living standard. Hardest hit are the poorer classes. Declaring "We have no choice but austerity," De la Madrid slashed government subsidies, lifted price controls on some 2,500 consumer items and floated the peso, letting it fall to a still lower but more realistic level.

Hundreds of ambitious public construction projects were cancelled or abandoned outright. As a result, the ranks of the jobless ballooned. The real income of those lucky enough to hold

jobs fell by 25 percent in 1983 alone. The average wage of a Mexico City laborer was the equivalent of about \$4 a day. Some made more by begging.

Impoverished rural areas have suffered even harder times. By 1983, Mexico City was being inundated by a flood of jobless, landless peasants, arriving with their families and meager possessions at the rate of 30,000 a month. Already dangerously overcrowded with 17 million people—plus another 6 million or more subsisting in suburban slums known as *ciudades perdidas* (lost cities), the Mexican capital has become the world's largest megalopolis, overtaking Tokyo-Yokohama for the dubious distinction.

Though Mexico City retains much of its historic majesty and downtown glitter, environmentalists have estimated that the city's industrial pollution, among the world's worst, is claiming about 100,000 inhabitants a year, nearly a third of them children.

Crime also is taking a heavy toll. In the first eight months of 1984, a total of 3,309 homicides were reported in Mexico City, in relative terms, a murder rate 25 percent higher than New York City's. Most of the slayings go unsolved, like that of journalist Manuel Buenida. Burglary and theft also are climbing, 35 percent in the past year.

Last fall, Mexico City's police chief, *Continued on page 46*

## HIGH WAGES LURE MEXICANS

Despite efforts to beef up the 3,000-man U.S. Border Patrol with new low-light TV monitors and other high-tech devices, there has been little real progress in stemming the annual flow of 1 million illegal aliens from Mexico to the U.S. According to some critics, the United States has, in effect, "lost control" of its border. And pessimists warn that the problem could become a lot worse if Mexico's internal crisis should worsen and its unemployment ranks grow still higher.

Congress has been attempting since 1981 to fashion a more effective immigration system, but the latest effort, the Simpson-Mazzoli bill, got deadlocked in the last Congress and died. Its controversial proposals included sanctions against employers who knowingly hire "illegals," amnesty for those who have resided in the United States for a specified number of years, creation of a

"guest-worker" program and improvements in U.S. border monitoring capabilities.

It will take many more hours of debate and a lot of compromises to revive Simpson-Mazzoli or anything like it. Hispanic groups are prepared to renew their fierce lobbying against employer sanctions, contending that they would serve to discriminate against any Latin-appearing person seeking work. Many employers oppose any measure that would reduce the availability of cheap foreign labor. Civil libertarians are dead set against the proposed issuance of identity cards for legal aliens. And the Mexican government has made plain that it's opposed to any action that would, in its words, "seriously undercut and injure the rights of Mexican workers."

At the same time, most demographers and sociologists believe that no border and no policy can signifi-

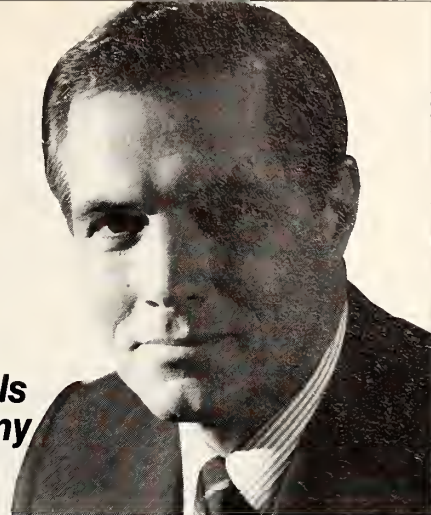
cantly reduce illegal immigration as long as the United States enjoys the world's highest wage rates and living standards while more than half of Mexico's labor force is unemployed or underemployed.

In the fiscal year that ended last Oct. 1, the U.S. Border Patrol caught 1,057,000 illegal aliens along the Mexican border. The number of illegals who elude capture and melt into the cities and farming areas of America is not known. But some estimates place the total of undocumented Mexican migrants in the United States at anywhere between three and six million.

The great fear of the Border Patrol is that one day the illegal aliens will stop agreeing to "accept voluntary departure." Or that all of Central America and Mexico, too, might explode in violence, sending millions of "feet people" streaming across our under-guarded southern border.



# MEXICO: A U.S. ASSESSMENT



**Rescheduling of the foreign debt and the domestic controls of President De la Madrid are turning Mexico's economy around, says our ambassador to Mexico, John A. Gavin**

**American Legion Magazine:** Do you see any likelihood of Mexico's economy collapsing? What is being done to prevent it?

**Ambassador Gavin:** Despite the tremendous financial problems Mexico has faced in the past several years, its economy is certainly not on the verge of collapse. I believe that in the short term, there is room for cautious optimism. Now, while Mexico has the second largest foreign debt in the developing world, it also has great resources that must be factored into analyses of the country's situation.

The heroic efforts of President de la Madrid's administration have already begun to show results. We believe there is already a definite upturn in the Mexican economy. This has been achieved through a combination of domestic austerity and rescheduling of the foreign debt. We have, I am proud to say, been active contributors to this upturn; we believe that the debt problem is manageable as long as both Mexico and its creditors stay the course.

In the long term, however, there are structural problems to be overcome. Mexico will continue to need capital, a substantial portion of which must come from abroad, to be able to meet the need for jobs for 850,000 new entrants into the labor force this year and the million-plus per year in the near future. Of course, it's Mexico that must make the hard choices for itself.

**Q.** Do you see any real danger of an internal blowup leading to a communist takeover, with Mexico becoming another Cuba or Nicaragua, or a right-wing takeover, with Mexico becoming a dictatorship?

**A.** No, I see neither of those options taking place in Mexico—certainly not in the near term. For more than half a century, Mexico has enjoyed remarkable political and social stability. We, of course, are fully aware, as are the Mexicans themselves, that the turmoil now existing in Central America does hold the risk of overflowing into Mexico. We believe that Mexico can continue to adjust to the evolving desires of the populace.

**Q.** Some reports indicate that the Soviet Union has an unusually large embassy staff in Mexico and also seeks to penetrate the educational system.

*Ambassador Gavin, former special adviser to the Secretary General, Organization of American States, was appointed to his current post in 1981.*

**A.** We are aware that the Soviets have a large embassy in Mexico. So do we. With all due respect, however, I do not think it is appropriate for me, to speculate in public on what the staff of that embassy may or may not do.

But it is not difficult to make the argument that the Soviet Union would benefit by increasing its influence in Mexico, especially if it were able to take advantage of any differences between Mexico and the United States.

**Q.** Why doesn't Mexico support U.S. policies in Central America?

**A.** It is not correct to say that just because our two nations do not see eye-to-eye on some issues, they hold opposite or contradictory positions on Central America. Our points of divergence have to do with how those goals can be achieved. Mexico had its revolution at the beginning of this century and thus has a recent historic vision on revolutionary struggle in Latin America that we do not have.

The Governments of Mexico and the United States continue to exchange views in a very open and respectful manner on how to reach our mutual goals. We, for example, continue to support the efforts of the Contadora group, in which Mexico plays a key role, to bring just and lasting peace to Central America.

**Q.** How can the massive flood of illegal immigrants over the U.S. border be stopped?

**A.** There seems to be a consensus that some sort of new immigration legislation, such as the Simpson-Mazzoli bill, is necessary, and I believe the subject will arise again in the next Congress. While such legislation can help deal with immigration-related problems and help stem the flow of illegal immigrants over our border with Mexico, the real answer to your question must come from Mexico itself. Through sound economic development, Mexico can create the necessary number of jobs and improve the standard of living of its people.

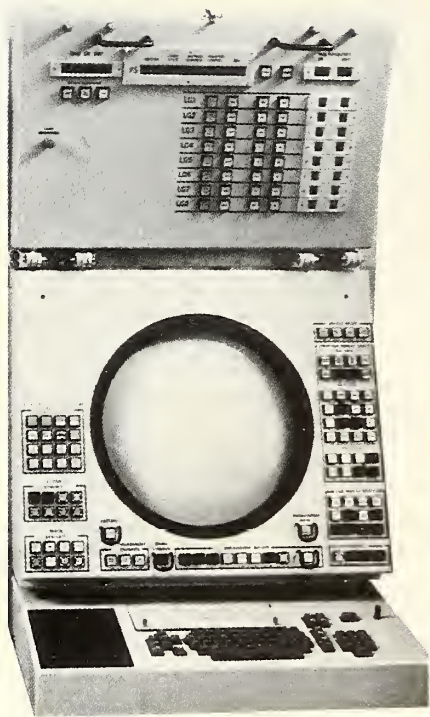
**Q.** What can the United States do to build closer, friendlier relations with Mexico?

**A.** The presidents of Mexico and the United States meet yearly—on a more regular basis than any time in the past. Such face-to-face meetings provide the opportunity not only to discuss at the highest levels issues of mutual interest and concern, but also to allow the leaders of our great nations to build on the personal friendship that signifies our dynamic relationship. □





# COMPUTERS IN DEFENSE: ALLY OR ENEMY?



**Despite our awesome nuclear might, the prolific computer may prove to be America's ultimate weapon. Or will it?**

**By Jack Cushman**

**I**s the computer the best friend or the worst enemy of the U.S. military machine?

For every story about computers revolutionizing warfare, making the soldier's life easier or safer or making his weapons more deadly, there's another tale about a snafu where the computer was the root of the problem.

To answer the question correctly, it's best to make sure we know just what we mean by a computer. Once we know what they are and where to look for them, we might be surprised how many computers there really are in America's arsenal and why they're so important.

A computer is any machine that can translate signals into strings of num-

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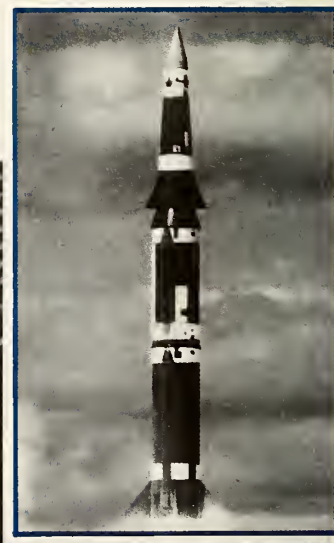
bers, add and subtract these figures at very fast speeds, and keep track of all the mathematics in its memory. The computer must be able to take input from the world around it, and after working over the data in its peculiar way, produce output in a form that we can recognize.

A computer is anything that collects data, manipulates it, and then does something useful with it. The data can arrive in the form of radio signals, beams of light, sounds or strokes on a keyboard—it's all the same to the machine's tiny silicon brain. You don't have to understand how it works to use a computer. But somebody must program the computer, writing the software or logic that drives it through the complex maze of math that makes it work.

In the Department of Defense, the computer is becoming the most important thing to emerge on the military scene since the tank. Our computer industry's edge over the Soviet Union may be the strongest weapon in our arsenal. But here, too, it is viewed as a mixed blessing.

The Pentagon's problems with computers are of two sorts. One kind involves the actual hardware, the chips themselves; for in the modern world the actual computer that does all the work is hidden on a microchip the size of your fingernail. The second kind is in the software: the logical instructions that make the system work.

Right now, the Pentagon spends about \$1.5 billion a year for the chips, also known as semiconductors. That market will double in three years, the experts say. The military buys about one of every 10 semiconductors made. The Pentagon, for that matter, buys





about one-third of all the electronics made in the United States each year: \$42 billion worth of military electronics in 1983. Most of this equipment goes into what the brass like to call "command, control, communications and intelligence" gear, or C3I. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, in his most recent annual report to Congress, said, "We cannot afford to let C3I become the weak link in our force structure."

Where do all these chips go? The answer is that there is hardly a weapon today—unless you count things like combat boots or M-16 rifles, the real basics—that does not contain some kind of chip. Every modern pilot will soon use electronic displays that allow him to fly as easily at night as he can in the daytime. (A computer senses heat given off by all objects, translates the heat into a code of numbers, juggles the data, and delivers to the cockpit an image that the pilot can understand.) Most modern missiles are guided by chips. Any radio manufactured today for a soldier uses them. Even a truck—the Army's newest cargo carrier—comes with a computer that automatically inflates the tires to the proper pressure. We have all heard of smart missiles and bombs; the military satellite is one big computer in orbit; an aircraft carrier probably contains more computing power than a big bank in New York. And the Pentagon has its own banks handling payrolls, along with its hardware stores and hospitals—all of which run on computer power.

But sometimes the Pentagon's computers run amok.

## COUNTERING THE EFFECTS OF EMP

**E**lectromagnetic Pulse (EMP) is a wave of electric energy that accompanies the explosion of a nuclear warhead. By interfering with the earth's normal electric field, EMP could block communications, knock out power, erase computer memories, cause planes to crash and cars to stall, and nuclear power plants to shut down.

Dozens of major electronics firms nationwide already are developing methods and equipment to insulate complex electronics from the paralyzing effects of EMP.

While the Department of Defense is making major initiatives in preparing for the threat of an EMP attack, the commercial market for EMP-hardened components and equipment has not risen to the same challenge.

This is mainly because potential customers outside the military are unaware of the dangers EMP might pose to their operations, even in the absence of an actual nuclear strike, according to a 144-page report com-

pleted recently by International Resource Development, Inc. "Even engineers and executives confuse the effects of EMP with those of nuclear radiation," the report said.

In fact, "EMP will be a major factor in military strategy and tactics," IRD suggested, noting that an enemy could launch a defensive or pre-emptive attack designed to disrupt civilian as well as military operations—all without the devastating effects of radiation. A nuclear warhead could be exploded outside the earth's atmosphere, where its EMP effect would be greatest, according to IRD.

The United States military and civilian sectors use solid state technology which is more susceptible to EMP's disruptive effects. As a result, IRD said the United States is more vulnerable to an exo-atmospheric nuclear blast designed to knock out normal functioning of the U.S. economy and most of its defensive and offensive capabilities.

Not long ago, for example, the Air Force discovered that three of its hardware stores—called Air Logistics Centers—were junking useful spare parts on the advice of a computer that kept making the wrong decision about

**COMPUTER FORCE—A U.S. Air Force Pershing II missile lunges skyward (inset) as a computer bank manned by airmen runs the show.**

spare parts. "Computer-generated disposal actions," the auditor's report called the decisions.

And there was the case that came up in September, when the Pentagon had to start refusing deliveries of dozens of weapon components because they contained chips that had not been properly tested. The chips go into such high-tech defense systems as the F-15 Eagle, which is the world's most advanced fighter plane, and the Lamps helicopter, which helps sailors search for enemy submarines. In this case the chips did not fail—but it was too risky to accept them without proper tests. One shipbuilder reacted with shock and horror when a ceremony to commission a new ship turned completely sour: At the last moment, the Navy refused delivery because computers on the vessel contained some of the untested chips.

The Pentagon deserves credit for discovering these problems and correcting them—despite the embarrassment that comes when high-tech systems turn into headline-making glitches. But we have to worry that the computer might not be capable of doing everything we ask of it at a price we can afford.

For example, the national labs that design modern nuclear weapons and futuristic "Star Wars" defenses are

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U.S. AIR FORCE



# CAREERS *the* SECOND TIME AROUND



Thousands of restless Americans are relinquishing well-earned retirement in favor of new professions. For many, it's for jobs they've always wanted.

**By Phyllis Zauner**

**W**HEN Ray Doimer left the telephone company at age 65, gold watch in hand, he saw nothing but roses ahead. He looked 50, felt like 40.

"The first few months were heaven," he recalled, "No more getting out in snow drifts and blizzards with my line repair crews. No more sweating under the searing summer sun to raise telephone poles. The days of deadlines and pressure were over."

But a funny thing happened to Doimer on his way to retirement. His race to leisure soon slowed to boredom and restlessness. "You can only go back to visit your old working buddies so many times before it's clear they have work to do and you don't."

A young man he once counseled on starting a heavy-machinery business came to him for advice one day. By the time their meeting was over, Doimer had become UN-retired and was on his way to a second career as a part-time consultant. "I simply wasn't ready for

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retirement yet," he said. "It's a real morale booster to know you've still got earning power, still contributing."

Ray Doimer is just one of the workforce dropouts who are dropping back in. Many older Americans, seemingly snug and smug in their retirement, are becoming discontent with being put to pasture prematurely.

• John Burke, 51, a retired lieutenant of the Brooklyn Fire Department,

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is now an operating room nurse. "There was a nurses' training program at Hunter College," he said. "It gave men thinking of retiring a chance to get into nursing and improve the image of male nurses."

• Carl Sontheimer, a physicist, retired at 55 "to a life of leisure and fun henceforth," as he put it. "One year later I was ready to climb walls." He

started importing French cookware, and along the way founded a food processor company. "I'm trying to take vacations now," he said, "but I've always been a workaholic."

• William Macomber, former U.S. Ambassador to Jordan 1961-64 and Ambassador to Turkey 1973-78, retired from the State Department at 55 and became director of New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art. "It's good for the soul to step into something you don't know anything about," he said. "It's very humbling."

Retiree restlessness may have turned into a modest epidemic because there are companies who seek early outs of higher paid, older employees to cut expenditures and allow talented, but less paid, younger employees to climb the corporate ladder. The average retirement age today is more likely to be 55 or 60 than 65. Many businesses already offer senior citizen discounts beginning at 55.

Early retirement, of course, is scarcely new. Since 1950, according to data from the U.S. Department of Labor, the number has steadily climbed. As the working life shortens, thousands of active, healthy retirees are facing possibly up to 15 productive years more.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects there will be fewer young people to fill future jobs because of



lowered birth rates in the '60s and '70s. By 1990 there will also be a projected 14 million people over 55.

To those nearing retirement, it could mean near ideal conditions for second careers.

Certain careers naturally lead into post-retirement occupations—athletes coach, opera singers teach music and journalists write books.

But, perhaps the most vulnerable are military careerists, many of whom are retired in their 30s or 40s, and enter an uncharted job market.

Thus, the Air Force three years ago organized Family Support Centers in 34 locations worldwide. One of the major concerns of the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps is to ease the transition from service careers into productive civilian life.

Norrine Gallisdorfer administers the program at Mather AFB in Sacramento, Calif. This is no esoteric plan. It's a practical, down-to-earth series of programs to help servicemen identify skills that are marketable; whom to contact; how to write a resume; how to quit talking militarese—in short, how they can land the job they want.

For the man who has spent 20 years

in the Armed Forces of this country, a move into the commercial world can be a profound change, and for some, a frightening prospect. Feelings of uncertainty and inadequacy are common. As one retired military psychologist put it, "You run your flag up the flagpole and nobody salutes."

Alfred FitzSimons, 45, was a lieutenant colonel and an electronics warfare specialist when he retired. "The change out of service was harder than I thought," he said. "It's like getting a divorce. I lost 10 pounds in the first few weeks. In 22 years, this is the first time I've applied for a job."

Yet a second career is what he

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wants, and he's seriously pursuing the goal "to keep involved."

While on the base, FitzSimons' job was to work closely with the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce and establish liaison with the community of Folsom. "I've continued that after retirement. I do it as much for my self-esteem as for the network of contacts it provides." Nonetheless, these connections have provided him with promising contacts that he hopes will mature into career opportunities.

For 47-year-old Dick Atkinson, the transition from military to civilian life was as smooth as silk. He walked out of Mather's gates as a sergeant Friday, and Monday he started a new career as an Eastman Kodak equipment service representative.

"I started doing my homework early, two years before I retired. I don't think many guys thought ahead that far," he said.

"My wife and I both went through some anxiety when I retired. We wondered if I could get a job, and if I could handle it even though I was dedicated to the service for 23 years."

Fortunately, in America there is an abundance of opportunities for change. According to a 1982 report by *Money* magazine, some 2.5 million Americans enroll each year in courses designed to let them enter new professions.

Dr. Thomas G. Gutteridge, dean of



the College of Business Administration at Southern Illinois University, is highly optimistic about prospects for the older worker looking for new beginnings. "Employers are convinced that the greater productivity and lower absenteeism of workers over 40 make them a good investment." He predicts that more workers will choose early retirement to begin other careers.

So, how do you prepare for this new role and where do you start?

Even if you're blessed with inborn talent, finding an appropriate new career may call for keen introspection. One suggestion is to ask yourself, "When have I been happiest in my life? What was I doing then?"

For Robert Morris, who put in 35 years as a systems analyst with International Business Machines, his 14 years of moonlighting as a part-time minister were the happiest. At age 55, leaving IBM, he finally saw an opportunity to do what he had wanted to do for so long.

The seven years intervening since he made that plunge have been exhausting but fulfilling. He has

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Stretching from coast to coast, our nation's scenic roads offer us endless opportunities to see America's beauty.



**BIG SUR**—The twisting ribbon called Cabrillo Highway is the only practical access to California's Big Sur coastline between San Simeon and Carmel. Roller-coaster like, Cabrillo ranges in height from sea level to 1,000 feet.

# AMERICA'S MOST SCENIC ROADWAYS

BY PAUL MARTIN

**E**ACH YEAR millions of visitors come to the United States from Europe, Asia, Africa, Canada and Latin America to enjoy the spectacular scenery we take for granted. Much of it is visible by automobile and bus from our 3.8 million miles of highways.

Towering mountain peaks, stunning gorges displaying dazzling shades of purple, red, gold and blue, lush forests, brilliant blue lakes and whitewater rivers evoke comments like "magnificent," "timeless," "gorgeous," "incredible."

We're a nation on the move. Sixty-five percent of us own driver's licenses and our highways serve more than 150 million vehicles traveling nearly 1.5 trillion miles a year.

Each year 40 million of us head down the road for camping trips, fishing, canoeing, horseback riding, backpacking, skiing, snowmobiling. Ribbons that package the beautiful gift that is the United States, our modern highway system, enable anyone to

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VIRGINIA DIVISION OF TOURISM

**SKYLINE DRIVE**—This highway meanders 105 miles along the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia, and provides a breathtaking view year-round.

visit nearly any part of the nation by automobile or bus.

As just one example, the colorful Going-to-the-Sun Road in Montana's Glacier National Park climbs gently above the treeline while it reveals glacial lakes, tumbling waterfalls and knife-edged cliffs. The park is a sanc-

tuary for grizzly bears, bighorn sheep, mountain deer, moose, elk and other North American mammals. There are some 57 species of mammals and 210 species of birds in the park.

After visiting the park in the early 1900s, John Muir, a Scottish-born American naturalist, said: "Give a month at least to this precious reserve. The time will not be taken from the sum of your life. Instead of shortening, it will definitely lengthen it and make you truly immortal."

In the United States our multi-lane throughways have opened up the nation at the same time that they have unified it. Sometimes they follow old Indian trails. Or, as in the case of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, they use an abandoned, uncompleted railroad right-of-way. Today, they stand as a monument to the ingenuity and courage of the builders who have made just about every part of our country accessible.

Jump in a car or bus and head down one of our scenic routes. Look at the license plates as they go by. Here come cars from Florida, New York, Texas, Arizona, Alaska, Hawaii and 44 other states. It's an education in our nation's beauty, history and culture. Like Thoreau: "We come home from afar, from adventure . . . and discoveries."

It's waiting for each of us. □





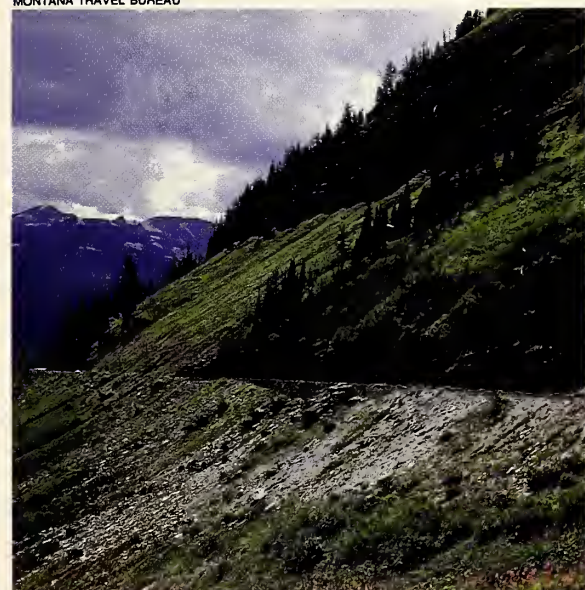
OREGON TRAVEL BUREAU

**MOUNT BACHELOR**—Seen from the Cascade Lakes Highway in central Oregon, this popular skiing site has more than 100 miles of trails, more than 220 lakes and 235 miles of rivers and streams in the Cascade Mountains.

MONTANA TRAVEL BUREAU



**ONE OF MILLIONS**—There are more than three million lakes in Alaska, and sparkling Tern Lake along the 127-mile Seward Highway is one of the more picturesque. The lake is popular for trout fishing, canoeing and summer birdwatching. The U.S. Forest Service maintains 25 camping sites around the lake, southeast of Anchorage.



**GLACIER NATIONAL PARK**—Indians called this pastoral route Going-to-the-Sun-Road and there's little wonder why. Superb Rocky Mountain scenery and dozens of glaciers and glacial lakes dazzle travelers through this stretch of Montana's "Big Sky" country.



# THINK TANKS: THE POWER OF IDEAS

***From early school days we've learned that Congress, the President and the Judiciary make, enforce and interpret laws of the land. But today there's a fourth or shadow branch of government that not all Americans know about.***

**D**uring the past four years the United States has been in the throes of a revolution. While the uprising has not been waged by musket-toting Minutemen or masses of protesters on urban streets, it has nonetheless brought fundamental change to America. It's a revolution of ideas, following the codes of modern conservatism—or as it has come to be known, *neoconservatism*—which includes encouraging free enterprise, cutting government influence on day-to-day life and maintaining a muscular national defense.

How have such significant changes come about? Well, there is no mystery to the formation of public policy in the United States. Unlike countries with dictatorships or authoritarian regimes where policy is basically ordered by leaders, we live in a democratic society. A party in power will have the major say on an issue, but the system compels it to accommodate opposing concerns. Programs, therefore, are forged through debate, compromise, consensus, news media coverage and the interplay with public opinion—a hurly-burly and often contentious process. In the end, of course, change is achieved through congressional and executive branch actions.

Virtually every American school child learns this in civics. We all know that the triumvirate of Congress, the President and the Judiciary make, enforce and interpret the laws of the United States. But today there is also something of a fourth or shadow branch of government of which not all Americans are aware.

Indeed, public policy institutions and foundations, along with special in-

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## BY JAY STULLER

terest study groups—think tanks—are playing an enormous and increasingly important role in forming policy. Organizations such as the Brookings Institution, the Heritage Foundation, the Ralph Nader organization and the American Enterprise Institute work outside the government—and also within—to bring ideas to the powers and get power behind the ideas.

"Any good idea has to have intellectual thought behind it," said Irving Kristol, professor of social thought at New York University and editor, writer and the acknowledged "Godfather of Neoconservatism."

"Of course, any idea can be simplified. And when it gets into the ultimate public forum it has usually been broken down into simple terms. But for it to have impact, the concept needs deep academic study and thought behind it."

The rigorous intellectual backing for public policy decisions is to a large extent coming from think tanks. Many of the specifics of the Reagan agenda, including the mechanics of bringing about the changes, started out as think-tank proposals. One might think that congressmen, administration officials and the large staffs of each body would undertake the studies. But as Kristol pointed out, "politicians don't have time to think." Such is the press and complexity of national politics.

Consequently, government needs the policy spadework that's done by the think tanks—thoughts on what the United States should do about the

massive debts of Third World nations—approaches for deregulating natural gas and boosting the country's energy security—analyses of which new weapons systems are worth building—or

views on the vague notion of a national industrial policy. Moreover, think tanks and some special interest groups call to attention problems that government may not know exist.

Good public policy ideas can come from virtually anywhere, "starting at the grass roots level and percolating upwards," said Roger Semerad, an executive vice president at Brookings. He said the environmental movement was hammered into public consciousness and eventually turned into government policy by individuals who had no more power than that of persuasion. "There are lots of opportunities to be heard if you've got a good message and are persistent," he said.

Ever since Ralph Nader's 1965 book, *"Unsafe at Any Speed,"* founded the consumer advocate movement, the number of groups purporting to represent the public interest has multiplied. Self-styled watchdog organizations—Common Cause, Congress Watch, Consumers Union, Friends of the Earth, the Environmental Defense Fund and others attempt to speak for the public, and have clearly influenced national policy, particularly in the areas of government accountability, environmental protection and consumer affairs matters. While these groups have some impact, such organizations do not function like classic think tanks, which are oriented more toward scholarly thinking than lobbying and advocacy work.

The concepts produced by traditional think tanks are therefore given a bit more credence in the nation's power center, said Seymour Martin Lipset, a professor of political science and sociology at Stanford, Senior Fel-



low at the Hoover Institution and a noted writer on American public policy. "Americans are a people who have a respect for expertise. They put more trust in academic research than what is put out by a representative of a special interest group," he said.

The think tanks serve as an operational base or conduit for some of the best minds in the United States. While the majority of public policy research is done in universities by professors who hold affiliations with the think tanks, the institutions get the ideas into the proper hands.

With the crowd and clamor in the nation's capital, new ideas must come already polished, packaged and refined. Getting an idea from conception to the public arena can take several years. And for a proposal to ultimately succeed, it must gain visibility and attention in Washington. As Kristol explained, "we (public policy scholars) educate politicians, the staffs of politicians and the media. Our business is shaping the public agenda."

Institutions that generate the basic grist for the nation's agenda have been around for some time. Counting the newer special interest organizations, there are thousands. But in the purist world of public policy think tanks, there are just a few heavy hitters:

- The most venerable is The Brookings Institution, a private, non-profit organization incorporated in 1927, merging three smaller institutions. One of the largest, and traditionally most influential tanks, Brookings started out conservative, opposing most of the New Deal. Curiously enough, it blossomed in the '60s when it turned out papers and proposals that served as the foundation for Democratic and liberal social policy. From Brookings came the underpinnings of President Lyndon Johnson's "Great Society" and the tremendous

growth in government social and entitlement programs, the very policies being criticized by conservative think tanks in the '80s.

Located on Massachusetts Avenue in Washington, D.C., Brookings has a budget of roughly \$12 million. Still widely, but inaccurately, considered a liberal organization, it conducts wide-ranging policy studies in domestic and international economics, foreign affairs, national defense and social issues such as abortion and health care systems. At any given time, Brookings has upward of 80 research projects under way.

## **H**heavy-hitting think tanks "bring ideas to the powers and get power behind the ideas."

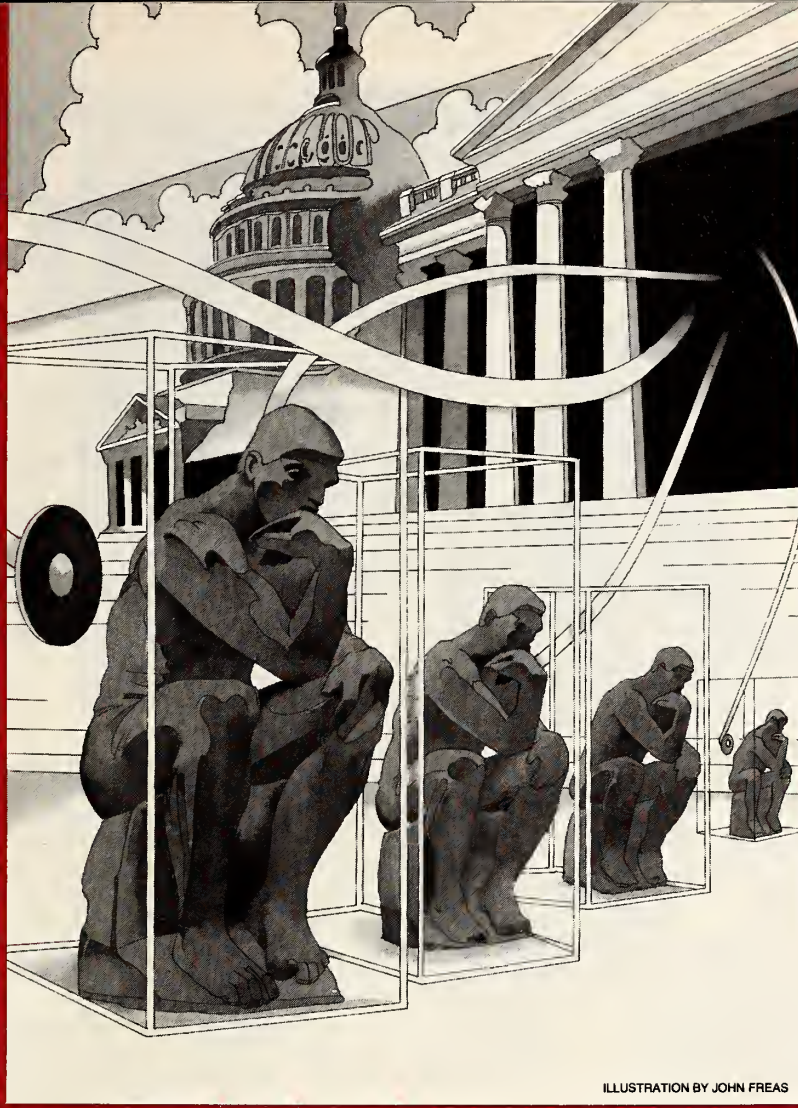


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- Another think tank is the 40-year-old American Enterprise Institute. When Ronald Reagan was elected to the White House, more than two dozen AEI staff members left to join the administration. Aside from its various periodical publications, the organization has printed literally hundreds of books and papers, covering religion, economic policy, legal policy and national defense.

- Established in the early '70s, the Heritage Foundation has made a rapid rise in public policy circles. It's the most conservative, and perhaps the most aggressive in pushing its positions. Aside from its staff of 30—mostly post-academics in their late 20s—Heritage draws on a "resource bank" of more than 1,000 other persons

throughout the United States.

- Located on the campus of Stanford University, the Hoover Institution of War, Revolution and Peace was founded in 1919 as a center for documentation. With a \$9 million budget, the institution maintains one of the most complete libraries in the world. On the roll of Hoover fellows are five Nobel Prize winners—including economist Milton Friedman—and men like physicist Edward Teller and philosopher Sidney Hook. While Hoover is noted as a conservative think tank, 11 of its 25 permanent or core fellows are Democrats and 10 Republicans.

Nevertheless, whether an idea is liberal or conservative in tone, it makes its way into public policy debates in much the same manner. And it's usually not created by only one individual: virtually every issue draws comment and analysis from a collection of voices. "One has to remember that it's not a tiny group of people making policy," said Semerad. "It's quite a robust process."

The process starts when a scholar conceives an idea, such as free trade

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# REMEMBER V...-MAIL?



*WWII spawned a unique system of worldwide mail delivery that bolstered GIs' spirits and kept them in touch with home and loved ones.*

cisco. The Army Signal Corps would be responsible for microfilming and developing processes and for establishing photographic mail stations.

Originally, processing stations were to be operated by the Signal Corps. But after all possibilities had been explored, and where conditions permitted, stations were put under contract to the U.S. Eastman Kodak Company or with the British firm, Kodak, Ltd. The Signal Corps would supply the service in war zones and in other civilian-restricted areas.

## By William L. Noyer

**T**he leaves are just beginning to fall here, and the nights are growing crisp and cold."

The date was Oct. 2, 1943, and a mother was writing to her son in the Army. She reflected for a moment, then added a few lines about home, the girl next door, the family dog and father raking leaves.

It wasn't a very important letter as letters go, but a couple of weeks later it did wonders for the morale of a young man in a steamy South Pacific jungle. Anyone who has served in the armed forces will tell you that there is *nothing* more important than mail.

Even so, during the early days of WWII mail sacks had to wait their turn at the dock along with food, munitions and medical supplies. By the time letters arrived, they were often months

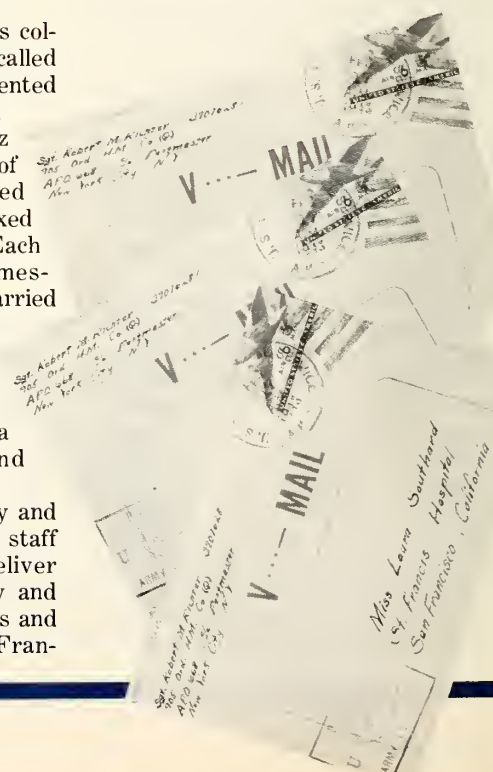
old. Sometimes, because of enemy action, they never arrived at all.

To improve this situation, the Army ordered Col. William Rose, Army postal director, and his staff to develop a microfilm mail system.

In their research, Rose and his colleagues learned that a system called microphotography had been invented by the French to get mail in and out of besieged Paris and Metz during the Franco-Prussian War of 1870-71. The French had placed film in a quill attached by a waxed silk thread to a carrier pigeon. Each quill contained about 30,000 messages. As many as 35 pigeons carried the same messages to ensure delivery—winter and snipers' bullets took a heavy toll. When a pigeon arrived safely in Paris, the films were projected on a screen, copied by clerks and mailed to the addressees.

Working closely with the Navy and U.S. Post Office, Rose and his staff developed a plan that would deliver the mail to and from the Army and Navy overseas post offices (APOs and FPOs) in New York and San Fran-

By the summer of 1942, the program was ready, except for a title. Rose and his staff didn't like the current one: Army Micro Photographic Mail Service. The name, they felt,



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should reflect the times: short and streamlined to typify the swift compactness of the service itself. They came up with "Victory Mail."

"Why not just V-Mail?," someone asked. "After the words we could use the notes symbolic of the V sign after Beethoven's Fifth Symphony."

"Better than that," another suggested. "Instead of a hyphen between the V and the mail we could have the Morse code for V."

So the official name became V...-Mail. Regular use over a period of time shortened it to V-Mail.

The service began June 12, 1942, with letters delivered to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and the first Signal Photo Mail Company began July 1, 1942. By then, detachments of trained men had scattered over the globe. The Eastman Kodak Company continued to train Signal Corps men in this specialty until autumn, when the Signal Corps established an Official Photo Mail Station in the Pentagon and thereafter conducted its own training.

The V-Mail system worked by using a special form available free from any post office. The form was an 8½-by 11-inch sheet of white paper with space for about 700 words. Folded, sealed, stamped with 3-cents postage and addressed to the recipient by name and APO number, the letter would go to a V-Mail station in San Francisco or New York.

Outgoing letters were fed into an opening machine, then sorted by hand for destination and according to whether they were typewritten or handwritten. They were then fed into a recorder at the rate of 2,000 an hour. After each 100 letters a "target" letter bearing a number was fed into the recorder. Thus, if the microfilming of any of the letters was faulty, the missed letters could be easily located by the numbers on the "targets" and put through again. The long strips of exposed film were put into a machine that developed them in a continuous process. After inspection, the film was packed for shipment.

Thus, a 100-foot roll of 16mm film of 1,500 letters was flown across the ocean in a small box weighing less than seven ounces—a ton of mail was reduced to 25 pounds.

At its destination, each frame of the film was enlarged to a 4- by 5-inch

U.S. ARMY SIGNAL CORPS



**MAIL—A soldier's life revolves around mail from home.**

print, placed in a window-envelope and delivered to the addressee. This was about half the width of the original letter, but entirely legible.

A perfect system? Almost. It had one inflexible limitation that users were warned about: "It cannot accommodate enclosures. A photographed dollar bill would be hardly spendable, a photographed stamp hardly usable, or a photographed stick of gum hardly chewable."

As letters were opened mechanically at high speed, extra contents were

productions reached their destinations. Thus, when the Lisbon Clipper crashed with 110 rolls of V-Mail film, every letter was soon on its way again on another plane.

The final letter—number 338, 824,081—was sent Oct. 14, 1945, by Maj. Gen. Clarence H. Kells, commanding officer of the New York Port of Embarkation. In it Kells pointed out that V-Mail had saved an estimated 95.5 percent in cubic footage of cargo space.

Although military experts agree that

*Some thought letters were thrown on a screen in a camp movie house for all troops to read. Others thought V-Mail was censored. Neither was true.*

usually scattered and couldn't be traced to the right letters. Even pasted pictures could not be transmitted because the recording machines were made to accommodate only a certain thickness of paper.

It took a while for V-Mail to gain public acceptance. The most popular misapprehension was that the letters, being microfilmed, were thrown on a screen in a camp movie house for all to read. The second objection was that letters were scanned by a dozen curious eyes. Neither was true.

Outgoing V-Mail was not censored. Incoming V-Mail was censored in the country of origin before being microfilmed. A

offensives were needed to end the war, and these offensives were dependent upon shipping space to transport millions of tons of men and materiel all over the world, the success of the V-Mail program cannot be measured in terms of cargo space saved. Rather, it was V-Mail's importance to morale, the moving of letters—the tie that binds—that may have done the most to help shorten the war.

As WWII soldier-cartoonist Bill Mauldin wrote in his book, "Up Front": "The Mail is by far the most important reading matter that reaches soldiers overseas . . . A soldier's life revolves around his mail." □

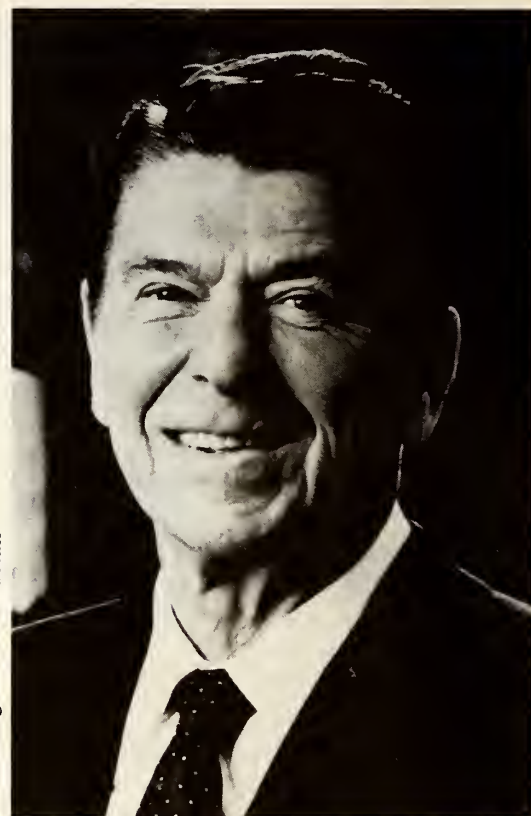


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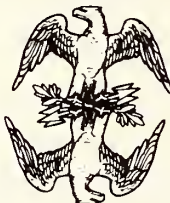
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**S**ome jobs are in jeopardy for veterans because the 98th Congress failed to act before it adjourned in 1984.

The American Legion has fought steadily for veterans preference in four categories of federal hiring, while the Office of Management and Budget has insisted that contracting out would be more cost effective.

The Senate's failure to pass a bill to continue the hiring preference means those currently on the job as elevator operators, guards, custodians and messengers could be out of work when contracts with private firms or sheltered workshops for the handicapped are negotiated.

Frank A. Kelly, chairman of the Legion's National Economics Commission, disapproved of the development. "The Legion has fought hard for veterans preference in the past and we'll start the fight all over again, but it will be tougher with the 99th Congress," he said.

Noting that some of those who might lose their jobs are disabled, Kelly added: "To take away their livelihood is really a breach of faith by the government."

**G**ood news for homeowners. The recent upturn in the economy should help some veteran-homeowners who have been unable to meet their mortgage obligations due to layoffs or reduced employment. However, the VA is aware that borrowers who will not immediately be able to resume working may be among those who need more time to fully reinstate delinquent home mortgages.

Ray Brodie, a senior Veterans Administration loan officer, said that in March 1983, more than 104,000 loans were in default, meaning the veterans failed to pay their mortgages for three months or more.

In 1983, the VA acquired 21,411 defaulted properties valued at \$722 million, compared with 16,656 homes valued at \$587 million in 1982; 13,326 homes valued at \$352 million in 1981 and 11,549 homes valued at \$234 million in 1980.

Veterans who are behind in their mortgage payments and are unable to obtain further forbearance from lenders are urged to contact the nearest VA regional office.

**D**isability compensation payments go to more than one-third of the nation's living former prisoners of war, according to a new VA study. The VA said claims have increased by more than 30 percent since the agency began intensive POW outreach in October 1981.

The study, presented to a recent meeting of the VA's Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War, summarizes the results of physical examinations conducted among some 12,000 POWs who sought disability ratings or increases since enactment of special POW legislation in 1981. The vast majority of the claims—nearly 8,000—were filed by WWII veterans who served in Europe.

The committee, formed in 1982, provides the VA administrator with recommendations concerning health care and other

benefits to the nation's 88,000 living POWs. The 12-member committee is chaired by retired Air Force Lt. Gen. John P. Flynn, a prisoner of North Vietnam for five and one-half years. Membership includes physicians and other individuals who have personal knowledge of the POW experience.

Outreach activities by VA have been directed toward informing POWs of priority access to medical care and the claims review process. Among several steps taken to make information more readily available was the installation of a toll-free POW hotline (1-800-821-8139). VA is also developing a computer system for analyzing POW claims and health data.

While the VA study reflected increased claims activity, it also showed that 63 percent of the POWs already assigned disability ratings did a special protocol examination designed to gather in-depth information about these veterans and their current health.

Former POWs may schedule examinations by contacting any VA medical center, clinic or regional office.

**W**omen veterans' benefits have not been used to the same extent as men's, according to a recent report.

Harry Walters, VA administrator, said the report "confirms the need for our special efforts to assure that women who served in our armed forces have full access to medical care and are fully aware of their eligibility for benefits."

The report included data on women veterans in the major areas of population, health care, compensation and pension and education benefits.

Since 1966, 174,057 women—about 2.4 percent of the total—were among the more than seven million veterans who received VA-assisted training. That ratio has nearly tripled based on recent data where women accounted for nearly 6.8 percent of the veterans actually in training as of April 1983. This trend reflects the greater number of women serving in the armed forces in recent years.

Since being named to head the VA in December 1982, Walters has taken a variety of steps to improve service to women veterans, including the appointment of an 18-member Advisory Committee on Women Veterans.

VA medical centers have been instructed to develop a firm plan for the care of women veterans and to identify any barriers to their care. Though the majority of health problems for which women veterans are being treated are not gender-related, provision of gynecologic care to both inpatients and outpatients has been upgraded.

Privacy limitations at VA medical facilities are also being corrected in line with the VA policy of providing equitable care to all veterans.

"We now have the comprehensive demographic data necessary for more effective planning toward meeting the future needs and concerns of women who have earned their right to veterans benefits," Walters said.

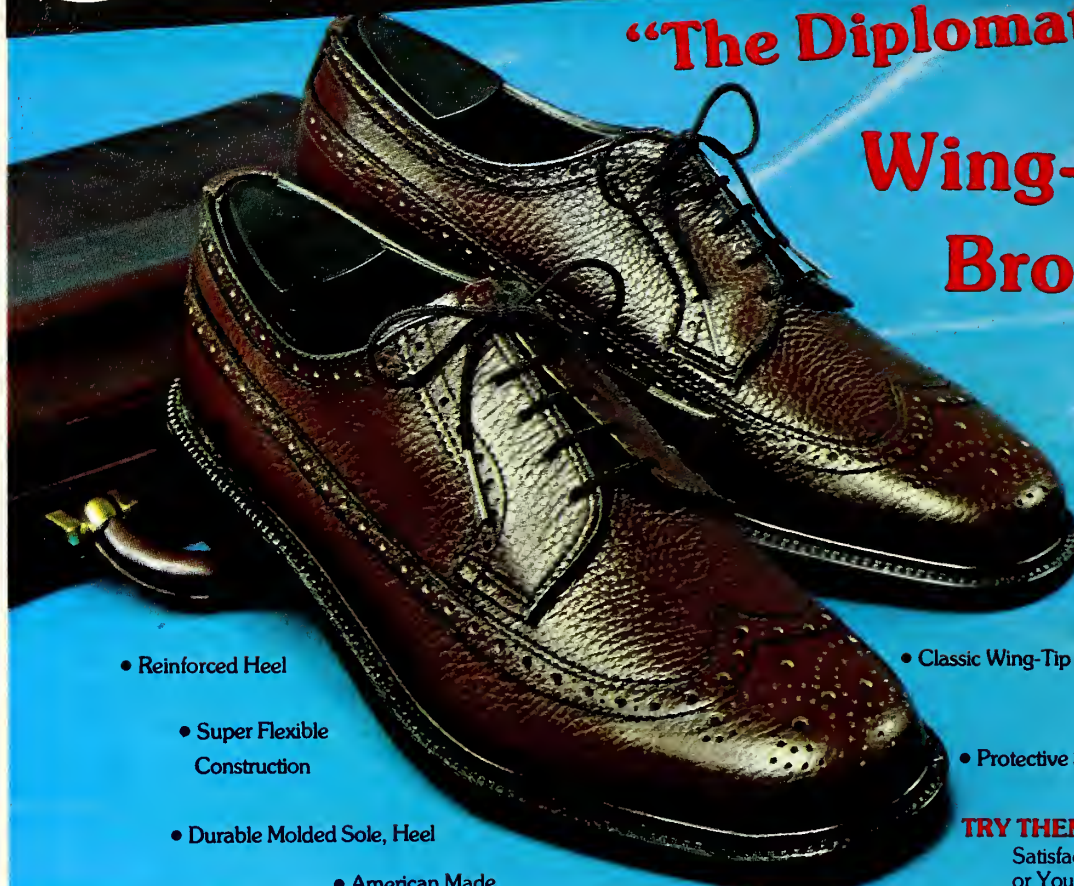


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# LEGION URGES STRONGER U.S.-MEXICAN TIES

**U**nited States-Mexican relations should continue to receive the highest, immediate attention, according to an 18-month American Legion study.

The study, conducted by the Legion's Western Hemisphere Task Force, was punctuated by two prevalent themes: cooperation between the U.S. and Mexico is vitally important, but historical or past experiences remain a wedge to warmer relations between the two countries.

The task force, part of the National Foreign Relations Commission, was composed of chairman Dr. Robert P. Foster (Mo.), George T. Lewis (Tenn.) and George D. Triplett (Mexico).

According to the study, U.S.-Mexican interactions during the past 200 years "have created stereotypes which today influence perception and hamper full U.S.-Mexican cooperation for mutual benefit of both countries. Many Americans lack knowledge of Mexico and display a condescending attitude toward Mexicans. On the other hand," the study revealed, "many Mexicans vividly recall a legacy of what they regard as U.S. military aggression, political interference and economic domination. Thus, despite similar security interests and myriads of warm and friendly individual, business and organizational ties, historical experiences and misperceptions on both sides of the border persistently cloud U.S.-Mexican relations."

The task force interviewed State Department and Pentagon officials and spent numerous days talking to Mexican leaders in government, business and education.

Results of the study were presented to the National Executive Committee by Doc Simon, chairman of the

Foreign Relations Commission. The NEC resolution adopted the following recommendations of the study:

- The president should appoint a bipartisan commission to study the interrelationship of the United States, Mexico and Canada. (Although the study did not address U.S.-Canadian

***Historical experiences remain a wedge between the two countries.***

relations, they should be studied by the commission to provide a balanced consideration of problems affecting relations with both neighbors.)

- The U.S. government should encourage more effective U.S.-Mexican cooperation in promoting democratic evolution in Central America, excluding imposed totalitarian Marxist-Leninist regimes, and

preventing Soviet or Cuban military activity in the region.

- The United States should expand educational exchanges with Mexico at the undergraduate college level and in some vocational-technical programs.

Regarding the third recommendation, educational cooperation as seen through an effective scholarship program is already under way between the Departments of Mexico and Missouri, and may well serve as a model for other Legionnaire educational exchanges.

For several years, the Department of Mexico annually selected a Mexican student to receive the Triplett-Foster Scholarship, providing one year at Northeast Missouri State University. That program is now a full, four-year scholarship.

The Department of Mexico is seeking scholarships from other posts and departments so more Mexican students may attend U.S. colleges.

Interested Legionnaires may write to John E. Hayes, Department Commander, Adpo. Postal #280, Del Valle, Nuevo Leon, CP 66220, Mexico.



**TASK FORCE**—U.S. Ambassador to the Organization of American States, J. William Middendorf II (left), meets with task force chairman Dr. Robert P. Foster (2nd from left), George T. Lewis (3rd from left), and George D. Triplett.



## PENNSYLVANIA INTERSTATE 81 DESIGNATED 'LEGION HIGHWAY'

Interstate Highway 81 in Pennsylvania has been designated American Legion Memorial Highway by the Commonwealth's General Assembly. Interstate 81 runs through the northeast section of the state, serving the cities of Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and Harrisburg.

Dept. Adj. Edward T. Hoak, who wrote the original resolution, said, "Much of the credit for this project belongs to our Legionnaires, especially Amos Hutchinson, a state legislator and vice chairman of our Department

Legislative Committee. He's also the chairman of Pennsylvania's House Transportation Committee."

Hoak said the Legion resolution specifically designated Interstate 81 because it lies on the route to Indian-town Gap National Cemetery.

Highway signs designating Interstate 81 as American Legion Memorial Highway will be placed this spring.

Earlier this year, Gov. Richard Thornburgh signed legislation dedicating Interstate 95 in Pennsylvania the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.

## Talking Magazine: Good Way to Reach Handicapped People

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Enrollment applications, eligibility criteria and answers to frequently asked questions, are available from THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

## HEALTH CARE SURVEY FOR WOMEN

An estimated 3,000 women veterans nationwide will be polled by Louis Harris and Associates, Inc., for the VA, which will use the data to plan for the future care of women veterans.

The survey will provide specific needs and demographic projections of women veterans, and information that the VA can use to establish baseline data for the current population of women veterans—their knowledge of, and attitudes toward the usage of VA

programs—and to estimate the future support needed for this expanding group of veterans.

Also, the survey will attempt to provide answers concerning the impact of increased demands on Veterans Administration programs and benefits for all women veterans.

A separate study of post-traumatic stress disorder and other readjustment problems among Vietnam-era veterans, announced recently, also will include women veterans.

## MEDAL TO HONOR VIETNAM VETERANS

The U.S. Mint is accepting suggested designs until Feb. 28 for a bronze medal honoring all military personnel who served in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. The design competition is open to all Vietnam veterans, medallic artists and other interested persons. The initials of the designer will appear on the medal.

The American Legion worked long to assure passage of the legislation, P.L. 98-566. Gary W. Sammons, chairman of the Legion's National Legislative Commission and a Vietnam veteran, said he hoped the medal

would be ready for sale to the public by the U.S. Mint this fall.

Artists and others may submit designs for one or both sides of the medal. The design submissions should be in black and white pencil or ink drawing within an 8-inch circle and mounted on a 10- by 10-inch illustration board. Designers should print or type their names on a 3- by 5-inch card accompanying the illustration board. Designs should be mailed to the Vietnam Veterans National Medal, U.S. Mint, Treasury Dept., Washington, D.C. 20220.



**UNCOMMON VALOR**—Marines hoisted Old Glory over Iwo Jima 40 years ago on Feb. 23, 1945. America was six months away from war's end and victory.



## *Commander at Premier*

# LEGION BROCHURE INSPIRES PLAY



**ALL-STAR CAST**—Cdr. Bacon is rewarded by Griffin High School drama students for his commendation to them for their play on teen-age suicide.

**T**aking its cue from today's headlines—and an American Legion brochure, "Warning Signs"—a group of Griffin, Ga., high school students has dramatized in an original play the issue of teen-age suicide and its tragic consequences.

The play, titled "Dim Lights Need More Current," premiered in November before an audience that included Natl. Cdr. Clarence M. Bacon, Natl. Vice Cdr. Robert Turner, National Executive Committeemen E. Roy Stone Jr., (S.C.) and W. D. Harrell, (Ga.)

Written by members of the Griffin High School drama group under the direction of Pat Lee, chairman of the school's speech and drama department, the play uses a variety of dramatic lighting and staging techniques to present a message of caring and hope in the face of despair.

"I was impressed with the play itself and with the young men and women who wrote and produced it," Bacon said. "They conveyed a very important, yet delicate, message in an original and dramatic way. It is significant that high school students selected the topic of teen-age suicide as the theme, and I am particularly gratified that an American Legion publication served as inspiration for the production."

More than 500 community leaders and students attended the premiere, following which Bacon presented an American Legion Certificate of Commendation to the cast and crew and Mrs. Lee—who in turn gave Bacon an engraved plaque with a color photo of the students involved.

Bacon was a special guest of Griffin American Legion Post 5 and its Auxiliary. In addition to the play, students from Griffin High School Junior ROTC welcomed Commander Bacon and his party with a drill ceremony and an honor guard escort.

"Dim Lights Need More Current" will be entered in the Georgia High School Drama competition.

## Cash Donation Made To Vietnam-era Study

**T**he American Legion-Columbia University study of Vietnam-era veterans has received a cash donation from an outside group.

The Indiana Vietnam Veterans Agent Orange Research Fund donated \$500 to The American Legion during a ceremony at national headquarters. Sammy L. Davis, a Medal of Honor winner, made the presentation to Natl. Adj. Robert W. Spanogle.

The research fund organization was formed in 1984 by a group of veterans and others interested in finding answers to the many questions surrounding exposure to the defoliant widely used in Vietnam.



### National Public Relations Commission

# Telling The Legion's Story

**A** company that doesn't publicize its programs and activities is like a guy winking at a girl in the dark. He knows what he's doing, but nobody else does."

That's how William M. Detweiler, chairman of the Legion's National Public Relations Commission, summarized the purpose of any public relations effort.

"Public relations," he said, "is telling your story in public. It's an effort that results in more than just publicity. It results in education. Your publicity effort might be to send a note to the local newspaper about a fish fry to raise money for your community service projects," said Detweiler, a Vietnam War veteran and attorney in New Orleans.

"Your public relations effort, however, would explain how the proceeds from the fish fry would be used and how the community benefits by supporting it. A good public relations effort might also include photos with a press release describing the money in action, perhaps members taking needed items to veterans in a VA American Legion facility, helping young people in a Boy Scout program or in any of the other local projects your post supports. We don't want to be like the man winking in the dark," Detweiler said.

Historically, much of The American Legion's national recognition has resulted from the efforts of the 33-member National Public Relations Commission. For instance, in the 1930s, popular humorist and philosopher Will Rogers participated in a nationwide Legion "Four Chaplains" radio program. And in 1952, the Legion originated, organized and broadcast a "Back to God" program in which President Dwight D. Eisenhower, a Legionnaire, participated, as did most radio and television stations across the nation. More than 100 million people, including some behind the Iron Curtain, listened or watched.

In 1956, Natl. Cdr. J. Addington Wagner and other Legionnaires and prominent Americans spoke to the



**GAME PLANS**—Detweiler, right, and Hubert R. Dagley II, division director, plan American Legion publicity efforts.

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***"We cannot succeed without the volunteer grassroots efforts of our post and department public relations chairmen."***

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country in a series of 15-minute radio programs discussing such topics as the importance of the U.S. military reserve system and Soviet vs. American air power. In all, 13 broadcasts were made. In 1959, "We Who Serve," a Legion-made movie, was shown on 403 of the nation's 501 television stations,

and an estimated 10.5 million Americans watched.

Such innovative public relations efforts aren't found only on the national level. For example, the Department of Minnesota made a series of 18 informational radio tapes explaining Legion programs and services. Thousands of Minnesotans learned about the Legion's service to veterans, children and the nation.

In 1972, the Department of Louisiana mounted a public relations campaign urging voter support of an amendment to the state's constitution allowing a bonus for Louisiana Vietnam combat veterans. Through this effort, the state paid \$15 million in bonuses, and Louisianans learned more about The Legion.

Not all of the Legion's public relations efforts have been warmly



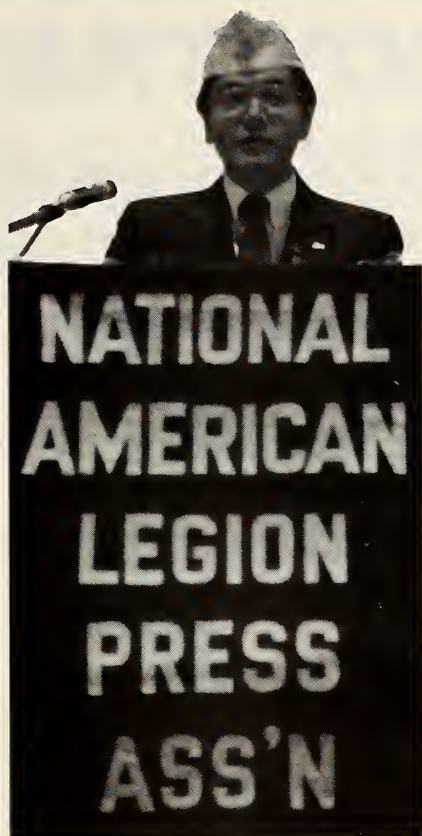
greeted. "Once," said Detweiler, "a group of professors supported a series of elementary textbooks for use in American schools. The Legion believed the books promoted socialism, and opposed their use. To back that up, the Legion published an expert analysis of the books, including concurring observations by some of the nation's leading educators. The books were finally withdrawn from virtually every system using them."

"Well, we got blasted by one of the professors who helped write the books," Detweiler said. "In his criticism, he characterized the Legion as a reactionary group basically unqualified to make such an observation. He supported his argument by noting that the Legion 'sees war latent in the entire world situation and wishes the United States to be ready for any emergency at home or abroad.'"

"That was 1939," Detweiler said, "and everyone knows now that history proved the Legion right. But we are not a Nostradamus, reading the stars to predict the future as we would wish it to be. We are only rational men and women who observe and analyze facts and then, thanks to our public relations efforts, present our findings to Congress, state legislatures and assemblies, and to city and county leaders in countless thousands of public service groups across the nation."

The Legion's method of telling its story and the machinery for that task is the job of the National Public Relations Commission and its staff in Indianapolis and Washington, D.C. Organized in 1944, the commission is responsible for internal and external communications. Within the Legion, the commission oversees publication of "The American Legion News Service," a collection of camera-ready news stories and photographs of Legionnaires in action at the national and local levels. It's also distributed to other media throughout the country. Outside the organization, public relations efforts include press releases to all major newspapers and magazines, congressmen, senators and wire services.

The public relations staff of professionals have both print and electronic media backgrounds and help produce slide shows and movies, promote the programs of other divisions and help



**IMAGE-MAKER**—Detweiler speaks to **NALPA** members after receiving their 1984 "President's Award" for his Legion public relations efforts.

prepare speeches for national officers. Each year, the staff prepares over 200 press kits for the national convention and distributes pre-convention releases and press credentials to report-

ers and photographers. The advance work of the public relations staff has resulted in a heightened awareness, both locally and nationally, of the Legion's significance in national and local community life.

While reporters and photographers are covering the convention, the public relations staff is covering it too. Besides meeting internal information requirements, it sends releases and photographs to newspapers and radio and television stations nationwide.

The commission also supervises the support its staff gives in promoting Legion volunteer programs such as Boys Nation, Oratorical Contest, American Legion Baseball and Special Olympics.

"Our job is service," said Detweiler. "The Public Relations Commission and its staff are dedicated to the support of program divisions, departments and posts in getting our story to the public. We are committed to a positive approach to public relations, both internally and externally. Our job is to create and foster the true image of The American Legion."

"But no matter what we do at the national level" he concluded, "we cannot succeed without the grassroots efforts of our post and department public relations chairmen. These volunteers are the keys to successful Legion public relations." □



**SPREADING THE WORD**—Leaflets, brochures, booklets and magazines emanating from National Headquarters help the commission to do its job of spreading the word about The American Legion programs and policies.



**Hard work and the will to excel** paid off recently for Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040, Delmar, N.Y., when the post's monthly newspaper, Ten Forty Times, earned double honors. It first won the 1984 William E. Rominger Memorial Award of the National American Legion Press Association for the best editorial in a post paper during 1983-84, then took the "most outstanding post newspaper" for 1983-84. Also, the post was cited for its excellent Americanism program.

**Albuquerque Legionnaires** joined forces with their Auxiliary, local veterans, fraternal and community-service organizations, the VA and nursing services to raise \$20,000 to buy audio-visual equipment for patient education at the Albuquerque VA Medical Center.

**Championing the cause of reading**, literate-minded Legionnaires and Auxiliary of Frank E. Boomer Post 6, Portsmouth, N.H., helped give away more than 300 paperback books in a "Reading is Fundamental" program at the New Franklin School in Portsmouth.

**In the "better late than never" category**, the commander of Post 103, West Branch, Mich., was awarded a Purple Heart Medal he earned in 1945 as a soldier who was taken prisoner by the Japanese. **Arvid McPherson** received his award from the local Ogemaw County veterans affairs office. Also presented were the medals and decorations the commander earned as a member of the U.S. Air Force in Korea.

**Fund-raising is a second calling** in life for most Legionnaires. Continuing the tradition, **Hanson Post 54 in Amarillo, Texas**, donated \$7,230 to buy six wall-mounted television sets for Amarillo's VA Medical Center. Post members have now bought 22 sets, which can be seen more comfortably by bed-ridden patients. Another money-raiser by Legionnaires of **Colonial Heights Post 284, Colonial Heights, Va.**, earned \$4,050 to help leukemia victims.

**Concern for senior citizens** inspired **Charles Arthur**, service officer for Post 298, Angola, N.Y., to take decisive action. Every day for two weeks before Thanksgiving, Arthur ran an advertisement in local newspapers inviting all community senior citizens to a free holiday dinner at the post. The post also provided transportation and delivered meals to shut-ins.

**Quick action** by **William Muse**, commander of **E. Roger Montgomery Post 81, Contoocook, N.H.**, and his fellow Legionnaires, helped a patriotic American vote last November. Apparently, a fellow Legionnaire learned four days before registration deadline that he lacked the necessary registration credentials to vote. He appealed to Muse for help. Muse and his men went to work, weaving their way through a tangle of city hall bureaucracy against an extremely tight deadline and got the person registered with time to spare.

**Mothers and sons** in the same Legion posts are not all that rare. But **Clyde Kuhn at Joe Stickell Post 15, Waynesboro, Pa.**, and his mom, **Geneva V. Cook**, stretch longevity a little. Kuhn is 85 and a WWI veteran who joined the Legion in 1919. His mother, 103, joined the post in 1924. Both mom and son are healthy and still quite active.

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## LEGIONNAIRE OF THE MONTH



P. E. "Gunny" Brandon

**L**EGIONNAIRE P. E. "Gunny" Brandon is used to fighting for what he believes in.

That's what he did in 1979-80 when he used \$24,000 of his own money to open a veterans club for his fellow Legionnaires in McMinnville, Ore. One month after he opened it, membership grew to 286. Before that, meetings of Post 21—all 13 members—were held in homes.

Brandon has been commander of Post 21 several times and is part of the secret of its continued growth. He has also served as finance manager, program organizer, host and cook.

Membership reached 500 last summer and, thanks to Brandon's example, Post 21 is a guiding force for community service. Members visit convalescent homes, provide emergency food, give handicapped persons rides to medical facilities in Salem and Portland, provide crutches, walkers and hospital beds and organize Memorial Day parades. During heavy winter snows, Brandon helps organize a team of four-wheeled vehicle owners for a volunteer transportation service.

A retired Marine gunnery sergeant, Brandon was hit twice by gunfire and 43 times by shrapnel in Vietnam. He summed up his devotion to the Legion and his community when he said: "When you're used to caring about people, it's hard to quit."

That give-it-all-you-got attitude was why he was chosen Oregon's "Legionnaire of the Year" in 1983. □



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## North Haven, Conn., Post 76

# Feeding the Poor of the Community

**A**S A KID growing up in the '30s I recall how much I looked up to those men who belonged to the local American Legion post. I remember thinking that some day I wanted to be part of that, to be one of those guys who did so much for our town and meant so much to me."

That's how Walter Gawrych felt about the men of Murray-Reynolds Post 76, North Haven, Conn., and that's why he joined the post when he was discharged after WWII.

As first selectman (mayor) of North Haven, Gawrych has a particularly good vantage point from which to judge the post's impact on North Haven and to recommend it for Post of the Month. "This post is extremely supportive of the people in this community," he said. "Post members don't sound their own horn very much, but everyone knows about them because of their work."

Founded in 1920, the post's 287 members have sustained their founders' desires that the post become a positive force for North Haven, a town of about 25,000 near New Haven in southern Connecticut.

Years ago, town leaders felt area poor children needed help to enjoy a merrier Christmas, so they asked the post for help. Post 76 began a gift program that is now an annual project of the entire community. The post also gives 80 to 90 food baskets, each weighing about 60 pounds, to needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Emergency funds for needy families are available from the post, thanks mostly to the efforts of Jim DeMarzo, post service officer and liaison to the town board.

Post members' service to the community is known beyond the Legion and North Haven. Charlie Slavin, an aide to the leader of Connecticut's Knights of Columbus and a nearby Hamden resident, said, "Whenever they're called upon for help, the men of that post never refuse."

The post's impact on the community is symbolically evident, too. "The post faces our 'green' or public square and



**HELP THE NEEDY—Post 76 volunteers prepare dozens of food boxes for the needy in North Haven.**

is right next door to our town hall," explained Fred Foster, administrative assistant to Selectman Gawrych. The post's closeness to town hall comes in handy when large crowds show up for town meetings. When that happens, the meetings are moved to the post.

**"Post members don't sound their own horn much, but everyone knows about them..."**

Post members provide a color guard for swearing-in ceremonies of town selectmen, volunteer their services at VA hospitals in both New Haven and Fairfield, sponsor a Boy Scout troop, send delegates to Boys' State, sponsor Legion Oratorical Contests, sponsor a Sons of The American Legion Squadron, volunteer at Special Olympics programs in two cities, conduct an annual Veterans Day dance, help out at a town playground and give aid to handicapped children. Members also sponsored the baseball team that finished fifth in the Legion's 1972 World Series.

Post 76 Legionnaires have organized the town's Memorial Day parade for 25

years and for 16 years have presented a nationally recognized series of Four Chaplains services in February.

Organizing those annual services has been the job of Wallace Bassett, a tireless Legionnaire and past post commander. Bassett and other volunteers present their program to keep alive the sacrifices of two ministers, a priest and a rabbi who gave away their life jackets so that soldiers on a torpedoed WWII troop ship, the USS *Dorchester*, could live.

The services have been attended by past national officers, including a national chaplain, and for years were attended by the late Mrs. Bruce Cunningham, the widow of the Rev. Clark V. Poling, one of the chaplains who died on the *Dorchester*. The post, partly because of the services, has won its department's "Back To God" award four times in the last 10 years. In 1983, thanks in part to Post 76's work, Connecticut Gov. William A. O'Neill proclaimed February "Four Chaplains Month."

Besides its own leaders, including Post Cdr. George Breuler and Post Adj. Michael Pelligrino, Post 76 provides leaders for the larger community, too. In addition to Gawrych, three state representatives are members of Post 76, and a half dozen others are on the town's police and fire departments. Pelligrino has also been a second district commander. George Nye, a WWII veteran, was a department historian, and Rev. Earl T. Williams is the chaplain at the West Haven VA Medical Center.

Working with Post 76 Legionnaires are members of their Auxiliary, who sponsor students to Girls' State and support a battered women's program. Auxiliary President Eloise Swingler Kennedy also plays the bugle for the Four Chaplains services.

Rev. Vincent E. Lyddy, pastor of St. Francis Cabrini Church, and one of several persons who recommended Post 76 for Post of the Month, may have summed it up best when he wrote: "Post 76 is a credit to veterans, to our country, to our town especially, and to the (Legion's) national organization. We are very proud of it." □



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**50th AAA AW Bn. (SP-Korea)** (Sept-Sandusky, OH) Gene Ross, 532 Race St., Clyde, OH 43410 (419) 547-8839

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**316th Sta. Hospital** (July-Calamus, IA) Walt Olson Jr., Rt. 1, Calamus, IA 52729

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**USS Chikaskia AO 54** (May-No. Falmouth, MA) Lee Jacobs, 501 Linden Ave., Frederick, MD 21701 (301) 663-3688

**USS Concord CL 10** (Sept-New Orleans) George Wolfe, 1012 Michigan Ave., Kenner, LA 70062 (504) 469-0580

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## NOTICE

Due to stringent limitations on the amount of editorial space available in the Magazine, we've been forced to cancel our previously scheduled "Let's Get Together" column.

## Comrades In Distress

Readers who can help these veterans are urged to do so. Usually an eyewitness statement is needed in support of a VA claim.

Notices are run only at the request of American Legion Service Officers representing claimants, using Search for Witness Forms available only from State Legion Service Officers. Please contact CID (number), The American Legion Magazine, P.O. Box 1055, 700 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46206

**41st Bomb Group, Crew B-25, Pacific Ocean Area.** William R. Smith is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Muroc Air Base in December 1944, he injured his back when his foot slipped while loading practice bombs on B-25. Contact CID 976

**3rd Cavalry.** George A. Ward needs witnesses to verify a claim that he was in good health when he entered service. Contact CID 977

**Naval Support Activity.** Gerald Decot is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Hatch Team 21, Da Nang, Vietnam in 1966-67, he suffered injury to his hand and right knee when pallets fell on separate occasions. Contact CID 978

**364th Inf. Div.** John P. Ward needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Ft. Dix, NJ in 1953-54, he suffered problems with his right leg and feet forcing him to refrain from marches and prolonged standing. Contact CID 979

**"C" Co., 13th Supply & Service Bn.** Eugene Carl Wentling needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Uijongbu, Korea in summer of 1969, he was hospitalized for a nervous breakdown. Contact CID 980

**"I" Co., 47th Inf. Regt.** Hans J. Pohl is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Ft. Carson, CO in August 1957, he injured his back during basic combat training. Contact CID 981

**Ft. Jackson, SC.** Elmer Rigby is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Ft. Jackson, SC in August 1957, he suffered a sun stroke during forced field march and was hospitalized. Contact CID 982

## Life Memberships

The award of a life membership to a Legionnaire by a Post is a testimonial by those who know best that such a member has served The American Legion well.

Below are listed some of the previously unlisted life membership Post awards that have been reported to the editors.

**H. Bert Bertrand** (1984), Post 394, Riverside, CA  
**Walker A. Simmons** (1984), Post 78, Milton, FL  
**A. Frank Krauch, Albert Hedke** (1981), **William R. Scott Jr.** (1982), **Roger W. Haley, John Serio** (1984), Post 90, Cape Coral, FL

**Walter Terry** (1984), Post 43, Naperville, IL  
**Lester J. Cunningham** (1984), Post 332, Rockton, IL  
**Don Monico, Richard Kowalewski** (1984), Post 493, Chicago, IL

**Rex R. Benway** (1984), Post 102, Chariton, IA  
**William I. Henley** (1984), Post 240, Richland, MO  
**John O'Connor** (1984), Post 471, Iselin, NJ

**R. Burdell Bailey, Carmelo J. Basta, Waters W. Braman, Daniel Brown, Clarence Debnam, Earl McQuain, George S. Reese, Harold J. Swinton, Robert S. Vines, James T. Walsh, Henry S. West** (1984), Post 553, So. Glens Falls, NY

**Claire L. Roadifer** (1984), Post 164, Spearfish, SD  
**Charles Wemkauf, Glenn Rintelman** (1981), **Amos Christianson** (1982), **Robert Berg** (1984), Post 375, Mukwonago, WI

## Taps

The Taps Notice mentions, whenever possible, those Legionnaires who have held high National or Department Office in the Legion or the US government, or who have attained other forms of national prominence.

**Thomas L. Jennings**, National Sgt-at-Arms (1950-51).  
**Roy Hall**, TN Alternate National Executive Committeeman (1946-47), Department Commander (1942-43), Department Vice Commander (1939-40, 42-43).

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## NEWS TO USE

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is how the experts size up the start of 1985. They figure inflation will be quite low through the year—around 4 percent. Wages will rise from 5 percent to 6.5 percent. Interest rates could come down, though not dramatically. On the other hand, there may be some increase in unemployment.

### Look for Post-Holiday Bargains

as retailers try to clear their shelves of excess merchandise. It's an annual phenomenon, currently accentuated by relatively high interest rates—retailers try to borrow as little as possible to pay for inventory. So next month you'll find markdowns in many of these: appliances, jewelry, dishes, furniture, house furnishings, rugs, bedding and blankets, furs, bicycles, linens and some clothing.

### A Flood of New TV Stations

is coming during the next four or five years. But they won't be the fancy, high-powered jobs that now populate the airwaves. They'll be low-powered—1,000 watts—UHF ventures with a maximum range of 30 miles, catering mainly to local events and tastes, supported by low-cost, regional advertising. The Federal Communications Commission is expected to authorize at least 2,000—the idea being to serve smaller communities and minority groups—but so great is the lure of TV profits that some 25,000 license applications have already been filed.

### Fraudulent Medical Products

have become so prevalent that the Food and Drug Administration is asking the media to warn the public and to monitor suspicious ads. The problem is that the "remedies" not only are worthless but also may trigger adverse side effects. For example: Chinese "herbal pills" that are supposed to pep people up, but actually could harm (and possibly kill) those who suffer from high blood pressure and arthritis.

### "Unisex" Auto Insurance Is Spreading,

threatening an upheaval in rates. Pushed by pressure groups, "unisex" insurance eliminates rate differences between men—who pay dearly in their younger years—and women—who are charged less. Half a dozen states now have "unisex" laws. Likely upshot: Young women will be charged more, while young men will get reductions—though many young men could wind up in "assigned-risk pools."

### HMOs Will Accept More on Medicare

in the next few months because tests have shown that it's feasible to admit the elderly. So far the health maintenance organizations, which stress preventive medical care, have concentrated on the younger set. But now many will offer 65-and-up patients complete medical treatment at a cost that's calculated to be less than the cost of Medicare plus private supplementary "medigap" insurance.

### Special Aids for the Impaired

make daily life less painful and cumbersome. Examples include two-handled kitchen utensils, tools to help you lift or grip with minimum pressure, elastic shoe laces you may leave in place. The whole gamut of such devices, with sources and prices, has been assembled by the Arthritis Foundation into a Self-Help Manual available for \$3 from the Foundation at 3400 Peachtree Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30326.

By Edgar A. Grunwald



# "Vitamin Side Effects Revealed"

An Interview with Frank K. Wood, President, F C & A

(Atlanta, GA) —

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## MEXICO

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Gen. Ramon Mota Sanchez, in a gesture of near surrender, urged citizens to "provide for their own self-defense." He also conceded that "the police cannot be an island of purity in the middle of a society such as ours." The Mexican Bar Association responded with a call for Gen. Mota's resignation, complaining that he had allowed a "permanent sensation of unrest" to take hold of the city.

Travel in some rural areas has met with incidents of violence, including murder, rape and robbery. The U.S. Embassy has expressed concern to Mexican authorities over more than three dozen such attacks on American tourists along four separate stretches of highway in the past three and a half years. The government, anxious to protect Mexico's \$1.5 billion-a-year

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tourist industry, has beefed up highway patrols.

Although President de la Madrid's campaign of moral renovation assigned high priority to jacking up Mexico's police force—13,000 officers have been replaced since 1983—the public's perception of the police as graft-and corruption-ridden remains.

De la Madrid has yet to dispel the climate of public cynicism and distrust built up over decades of plunder at all levels of the bureaucracy. Inevitably, there have been protest demonstrations.

On occasion, agitators have appeared in Mexico City's festering slums, seeking to organize residents to demand control of their neighborhoods. One Sunday afternoon recently, an expensively attired lawyer-activist for the Marxist-backed United Socialist Party of Mexico (PSUM), appeared in Naucalpan, one of the capital's suburban shantytowns, urging families to defy the government and set up their



own market stalls near the community church. "We are struggling against the corrupt government, which has all the power and gives us none," he told a crowd of listeners.

Thus far, there have been few incidents of violence. But Naucalpan's Roman Catholic priest, Hosea Teodoro Quilar, in an interview with two American reporters, warned that "the anger is growing more acute with time. The day people have nothing to put in their stomachs, that will be the day of uprising."

Whether that day comes or not will depend in large measure on whether De la Madrid can revive Mexico's ailing economy and alleviate the worst of his country's social and political problems.

Time may be running short. In the first two years of the six-year term to which Mexico's presidents are constitutionally limited, De la Madrid has managed through acumen and example—and generous help from the United States and other friends—to buy some breathing time. But lasting solutions remain elusive and agonizingly difficult to achieve.

On the economic front, De La Madrid appears to be bringing inflation under control. It's been cut in half in two years and is expected to go below 50 percent this year. But the president is under heavy pressure from the left wing of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) to ease up on austerity and pump new money into the economy. To date, the powerful Mexican Labor Confederation (CTM) under its pragmatic, 89-year-old boss, Fidel Velazquez, has gone along with De la Madrid's freeze on wages, following a 20-percent hike two years ago. But there have been sporadic wildcat strikes for emergency wage increases, and threatened job actions at nearly 1,000 plants and factories that endanger both the CTM's centralized leadership and the government's hold-the-line recovery program.

Under that program, the GNP has rebounded from minus 5 in 1983 to plus 2 percent last year, and the Treasury's once barren cupboard now has hard-currency reserves of over \$8 billion. Despite the rescheduling of Mexico's public foreign debt, however, about \$12 billion in interest payments on the rescheduled private debt were due December 1984. And the overall debit remains on the books.

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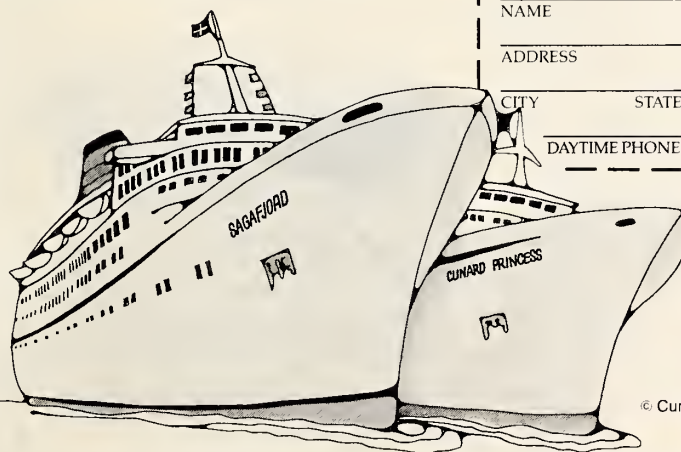
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## MEXICO

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people entering the labor force each year, and with nearly half of the nation's population under 18 years of age, Mexico will need all the help it can get to expand and diversify its "petrolized" economy in coming years.

According to Peter H. Smith, professor of history and political science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an expert on Latin American affairs, about one-quarter to one-third of the Mexican population is "underfed, underschooled, underclothed and so marginal to the political process that it represents, in the words of one Mexican sociologist, an 'internal colony.'"

That internal colony is now in the process of breaking out. In recent years, a radical, more independent political movement has emerged, led by the pro-Marxist United Mexican Socialist Party (PSUM). It got 10 percent of the votes in the 1982 national elections and now holds several seats in the 400-member Chamber of Deputies. With help from Mexico's relatively small but well-established Communist party, PSUM is aiming at an alliance of leftist forces that would, in the words of PSUM's leader, Pablo Gomez Valdes, "pursue an anti-imperialistic line against the government's policies."

The radical alliance can count on the active support of Castro's Cuba and the Soviet Union, each of which maintains large embassies in Mexico City, staffed by about 120 specialists on Latin America. Besides following Mexican domestic developments closely, the Communist embassies serve as support centers for Marxist guerrilla leaders in Central America and disperse propaganda to the media and scholarships to promising Mexican students (See "Juan Goes To School," page 17).

Checkmating the far left, however, is a resurgent conservative movement led by the National Action Party (PAN). In the background for most of its 45 years of existence, PAN has attracted increasing support from middle-class Mexicans. Together with a smaller party farther to the right, PAN grabbed some 20 percent of the vote in the 1982 elections. It also won nine mayoral elections and has gained control of four state capitals.

The emergence of significant political movements on the left and the right has jolted the Institutional Revo-



lutionary Party and its leaders. By all signs, PRI, which has kept the peace—and the power—for 55 consecutive years through a unique labor-peasant-middle class coalition, is showing signs of wear and tear and a need for overhaul.

Among PRI leaders seeking to rejuvenate the party is De la Madrid himself. Though he served as treasury secretary in the Lopez Portillo administration and was elected president in 1982 with an overwhelming mandate of nearly 75 percent of the vote, De la Madrid has sought to introduce greater pluralism in Mexico's political process. Supporters argue that such democratization is needed to give voice to all segments of the population. Party traditionalists contend that such diversity could destroy Mexico's political stability and invite a takeover by extremists of the left or the right.

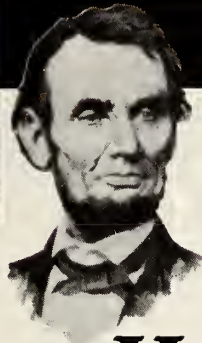
In any event, De la Madrid has managed to steer a middle course, maintaining a traditional nationalistic policy between left and right—and between East and West. Some critics in the United States complain that Mexico's posture of neutrality in foreign affairs is a misnomer and that it's actually pursuing a policy of appeasement toward the communist world. Early last year, Gen. Paul F. Gorman, chief of the U.S. Southern Command—whose long-standing Panama headquarters are being moved out at Panamanian request—testified before a U.S. Senate hearing that Mexico is a "one-party state that has pursued a policy of accommodation with its own left and international leftist interests." He also was quoted as telling the Armed Services Committee that Mexico has, in his words, "the most corrupt government and society in Central America" and that Mexico City is "becoming the center for subversion throughout Central America." Said Gorman, "Unless there is a dramatic change, 10 years from now Mexico will be the No. 1 security problem of the United States."

Both the Pentagon and the State Department promptly disavowed Gorman's remarks, characterizing them as the general's personal views and not reflecting U.S. policy.

While publicly promoting compromise in Central America through the so-called "Contadora" proposals initiated in 1983 by Mexico, Panama, Venezuela and Colombia, De la Madrid has shown signs of growing concern over Marxist aggression in the region. Nicaragua's Sandinistas no longer automatically receive all the Mexican oil they want. Despite angry protests from Mexican leftists, De la Madrid

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has extended diplomatic recognition to El Salvador's anti-communist Duarte government. And in his state-of-the-union message last Sept. 1, De la Madrid said, "The violence that has overtaken the region is a threat to our own security." The threat has become more apparent with recurring clashes between Mexican troops and Marxist guerillas from Guatemala who have staged raids on Guatemalan refugee camps inside Mexico.

The truth is, of course, that, like it or not, Mexico and the United States need each other. The United States is Mexico's largest trading partner, and Mexico ranks third largest in U.S. trade. Under President De la Madrid's leadership more and more enlightened Mexicans are looking to the "Colossus of the North" for help and support, suppressing their natural resentment over America's dozen or more armed intrusions since Mexico's independence in 1821, including the takeover of Texas and much of the Southwest, which once comprised more than a quarter of Mexico.

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What clearly is required is better understanding—on both sides of the border. The American Legion, at its national convention last year, called for a bipartisan presidential commission "to study the interrelationship of the United States, Mexico and Canada" (See "Legion Urges Stronger U.S.-Mexican Ties," page 33). It would devise long-range solutions to common problems, much in the manner of the so-called Kissinger Commission on Central America. The Legion also urged Washington to "encourage more effective U.S.-Mexican cooperation in promoting democratic evolution in Central America, excluding imposed totalitarian Marxist-Leninist regimes, and preventing Soviet or Cuban military activity in the region."

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and airplanes; and the Air Force could build a micro-electronic "pilot's associate," a kind of backseat driver for fighter planes.

Some experts are concerned that Japan will beat the U.S. to the punch in these fifth generation computers, as they are called. But the Pentagon's top electronics official is not concerned. "The thing that is overlooked so often," said Donald Latham, assistant secretary of defense, "is that just having a high-speed machine available is one thing. Knowing how to use it is another. I think we are so far ahead of the Japanese in knowing how to use high-speed machines—in the tricks of the software—that that is where the difference is. I don't give them credit for being ahead at all."

The urgency to develop sophisticated computers needed to initiate and protect American defense efforts has prompted an enormous investment in state-of-the-art computing power.

Consequently, the Department of Defense has established a new Super-computer Research Center to be managed by the National Security Agency and operated by the Institute for Defense Analysis, a non-profit federal research center.

NSA is one of the world's leading users of supercomputers—machines capable of calculating at speeds thousands of times faster than conventional mainframe computers. The number of such machines now in use at the agency is classified information, but, according to High Technology magazine, less than 100 such machines are in use worldwide.

The center, to be located between Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, will investigate very high speed computing technologies, which find applications in cryptology, aerospace design, nuclear physics, simulation and other defense-related fields.

The center will have a professional staff of more than 100 computer scientists, engineers and mathematicians who will conduct research in parallel processing, a way of harnessing the power of micro-computers operating in tandem at vastly increased rates of calculation. The facility will collaborate with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, U.S. industry, and universities to develop experiments in parallel processing and in designing software for these highly advanced computers. □



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## THINK TANKS

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Many think tanks now publish their own magazines, produce television programs and, essentially, hustle business. Such a push is what has brought the 41-year-old American Enterprise Institute to the forefront of our public policy debate.

A few years ago Brookings established a public affairs office and began publishing its own quarterly, the "Brookings Review." "There has been a change at Brookings," said Semerad. "We are aggressively trying to market the work going on here. Once Brookings was the only game in town, but now there are more think tanks around, a greater competition for scholars and very heavy competition for the funding needed to make the organization viable."

Some of the organizations make money by selling their books. Brookings, for example, gets about 15 percent of its income from government grants to conduct non-confidential studies, with the rest coming from foundations, its endowment, conference fees and book sales.

While the tanks draw contributions from private individuals, the majority of their operating cash comes from corporations and large charitable groups like the Ford, Rockefeller, MacArthur and Carnegie foundations. These foundations are fairly evenhanded in giving money to the various tanks, but also participate in public policy matters directly by funding their own studies.

The upshot of this competition for funding is that organizations like Brookings and the AEI are much less ideologically oriented, despite the labels that hang with them. The big philanthropical foundations that provide a goodly share of funding are

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# THINK TANKS

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more likely to give money to think tanks that stay fairly close to the middle ground; or at least those that appear to hold enough independence to attack or praise an idea on its merits, rather than sticking with rigid ideology. Therefore, the AEI today is hardly a blind advocate of business interests and Brookings is not at all in the pocket of so-called liberals.

Indeed, Brookings' Semerad was the 1980 platform director for the Republican party. The Hoover Institution, one of President Reagan's favorites—his future presidential library will be housed at Hoover—has asserted academic independence by issuing papers containing doubts about Reagan's economic policies. And while Hoover, like the President, has been traditionally hawkish on foreign policy, one of its scholars, Latin America expert Robert Wesson, has urged the United States open trade with Cuba.

In trying to make or influence public policy, each think tank tends to take a different approach to its product. "There is something of a division of labor in the field," said Lipset. "We tend to do a little more basic research in the west, while in Washington and New York there's a push to make an immediate impact. Still, there are some overlaps."

"Although we can't be all things to all people," said Semerad, "we have tried to mix our product line between the short-term and long-term projects. Since we're a fairly large organization, we can conduct in-depth research. The main thing is to be timely. Our (Brookings) job is not to promote a course of action, but to enhance the decision-making process. So just when an issue is about to be discussed in Congress, that's the time to come out with a book or paper on the subject."

The Heritage Foundation considers itself more of a "fireman" in the public policy process. "We address most issues with short studies, maybe 10 single-spaced pages," said Burton Pines, the foundation's vice president for research. "Ninety percent of the papers are written by our staff members in about six weeks. We have turned out some in 24 hours."

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## THINK TANKS

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accomplishments. It is, however, difficult to cite any one study that brings an idea to fruition; many voices go into a debate and nearly all policies are forged from a number of sources. Rarely does a think tank go it alone and see an idea become policy.

Nonetheless, it was Brookings that originated the notion of a bi-partisan Congressional Budget Office; developed a proposal for its working and saw it established. In fact, one of Brookings' senior staff members, Alice Rivlin, became the first director of the CBO in 1975. "Although the office doesn't solve the budget problem or federal deficit," said Semerad, "it helps make for better educated legislators and staffs who really don't have the time or skills to study all the details of a budget."

A more illustrative example is embodied in the small Institute for Contemporary Studies in San Francisco, which came to prominence in 1975 with an energy study called *No Time to Confuse*. It was a stinging rebuttal to an energy policy conceived by the Ford Foundation, a policy that called for a virtual federal takeover of the U.S. energy industry. *No Time to Confuse* savaged the Ford study before it had time to have much influence.

Two years later the Institute published another book with specific energy policy suggestions, called *Options for U.S. Energy Policy*. And though the ICS is considered conservative, many of its suggestions were incorporated into President Jimmy Carter's energy policy. Carter, you may recall, and not Reagan, actually started the de-control of the U.S. oil industry.

The entire range of public policy is frightfully too complex to be grasped by either public leaders or the public. Therefore, the think tanks, which can produce clear and logical thinking of seemingly scrambled problems, play a vital role in the political process.

The conservative institutions like Heritage, AEI and Hoover practically wrote the Reagan agenda. And it's clear that think tanks will continue to produce ideas for the nation by cutting across, slicing through and often obliterating all ideological lines. The ideas generated by this fourth branch of government sometimes go nowhere. But increasingly they carry power, and are a distinct influence on the way we are governed and the way we live. □



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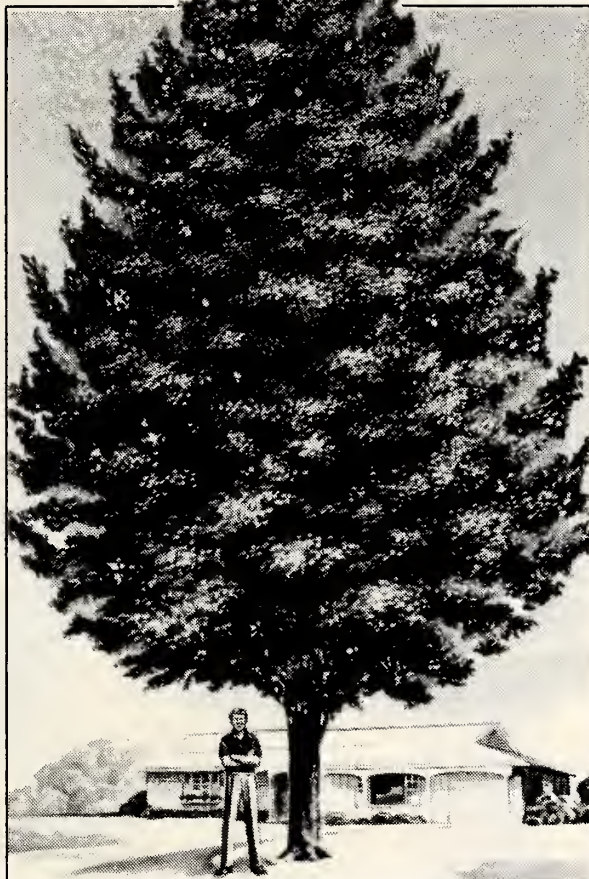
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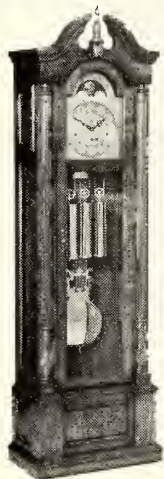
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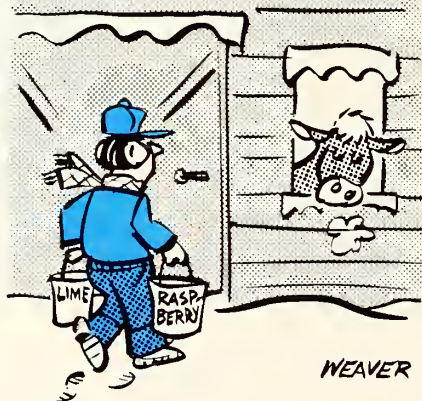
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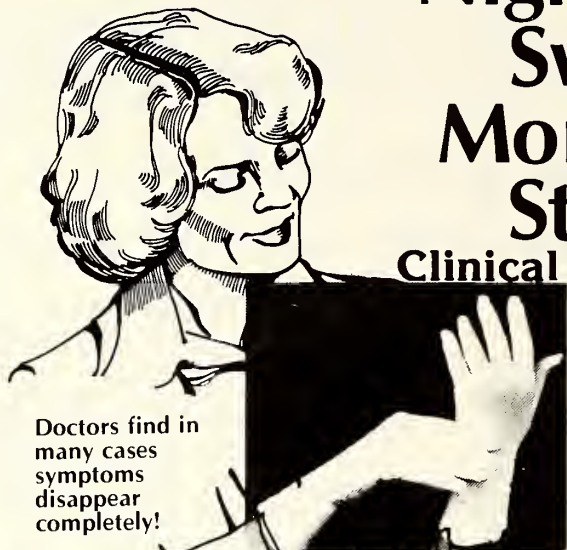
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## CAREERS

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earned a master of divinity degree, has taken over a New Jersey congregation and completely restored a deteriorating old parsonage. "I could have become very settled and secure," he said. "Now my work gives me a sense of wanting to get up in the morning and get on with the day. My life is exciting and full—which is a wonderful way to feel at 62."

His advice to others: Test the waters before you leap in, on a part-time basis, if possible.

In fact, that's the recurring theme

**"I** T'S GOOD FOR THE SOUL TO STEP INTO SOMETHING YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT. IT'S HUMBLING."

of those who have found rewarding careers in new fields.

It's what put Laurin Fischer back in school at age 51, even while he was enjoying success as an engineer with a computer company. He realized that his company's mandatory retirement age of 65 would be, for him, premature. He comes from a long-lived parentage and felt he "wasn't the type to go gracefully into golf and fishing."

In his analysis of career possibilities, he evaluated 20 fields against his list of requirements—which included working with people and being able to control his hours. He finally set his sights on optometry. He spent some grueling years going back to school, but now he has a practice in a Los Angeles suburb. The beauty of his plan is that he'll never have to retire.

One excellent endeavor after retirement is to become an entrepreneur. For most men, running their own business is like marrying a sexy blonde: Almost everyone wants to do it and almost everyone advises everyone else not to. But becoming a successful entrepreneur is not an impossibility, and the odds favor someone who already has the skills and some business experience.

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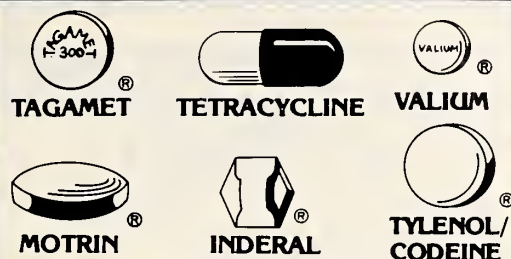
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FC&A, a nearby Peachtree City, Georgia publisher, announced today the release of a new book for the general public... **Prescription Drugs' Side Effects Revealed.**

It reveals the little-known side effects of over 300 of the most often prescribed drugs... side effects which are known to few people besides doctors.

## The Good Effects of Drugs

You take drugs prescribed by your doctor for their good effects like relieving pain, fighting infection, birth control, aiding sleep, calming down, fighting coughs, colds or allergies, or lowering heartbeat and blood pressure.

## Do You Have Any Of These Bad Side Effects?

Prescription drugs can cause diarrhea, dizziness, dry mouth, sleepiness, depression, headache, insomnia, upset stomach, blurred vision, cramps, rashes, constipation, fever, stuffy nose, short breath, high blood pressure, fear, ringing sounds, poor

appetite, balance, sex or heart function.

## Do You Know The Answers To These Questions About Prescription Drugs?

When your busy doctor gives you a prescription, what do you, or even your doctor, know about it? What's it for? Will you be allergic to it? What are its side effects and dangers? Will it affect other medicine you're taking?

It's up to YOU to keep yourself informed by reading this book. For example, on page 15 you'll learn that a drug you take for shortness of breath can actually cause breathing difficulties... the very thing it's supposed to prevent.

## Latest Facts On Each Drug

Two outstanding pharmacists have helped add newly discovered side effects to the new edition. The book describes more than 300 of the most-often-used drugs, 100 more drugs than in last years edition. Facts are given in easy-to-understand words instead of hard-to-understand medical terms.

## Easy To Read

Drugs are listed in alphabetical order for quick, dictionary-style finding. The book lists brand names, money-saving generic names, good effects, side effects, warnings and interactions with other drugs.

It tells how to save money by using generic drugs instead of expensive brand names. It also explains drug categories. (For example: a drug may be called an "analgesic"... analgesic means "pain reliever.")

## How To Help Your Doctor

Tell your doctor if you have any possible side effects given in this book. If he thinks best, he may lower your dose, stop your medicine or switch to a different drug not having such side effects.

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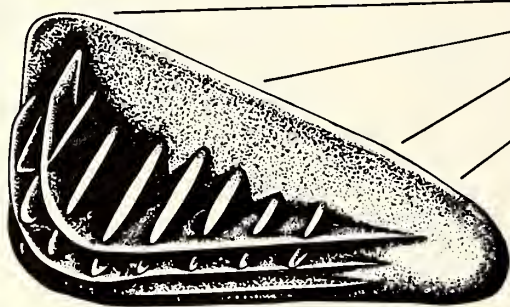
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## CAREERS

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Two of the most successful entrepreneurs are selling ice cream cones at county fairs and balloons at public events.

An entrepreneurship of a more sturdy sort is that of Marvin and Claire Bringham, who retired in 1975 from globe-hopping careers—hers in education, his in civil engineering—that led from their Midwest roots to the Marshall Islands, Guyana, Ethiopia and Indonesia. On one of their stopovers in the United States they saw a newspaper ad for an apple orchard in the Sierra Nevada foothills.

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"It's the lifestyle we wanted," said Claire. "If you just sit still and let life go by, you die."

That's mighty close to the truth. *The New England Journal of Medicine* recently reported that male heart-attack patients had four times the risk of death if they had high levels of life stress—and among the frequent victims of life stress were retirees who would rather be working.

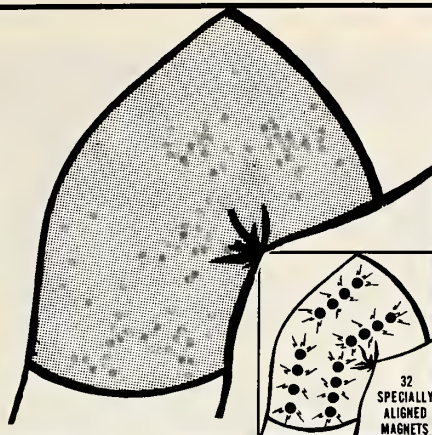
If you're not sold on second careers, consider the advice of Van Arsdale France, a retiree from the Walt Disney organization who authored "Career Planning for Senior Adults": "Your marriage will be better, you'll meet new people, and you'll have something to talk about."

The trend is contagious. Dr. Earl Zazove, 61, gave up his medical practice, then decided to become an investment counselor. "I'm amazed by how many people are surprised that I've started a new career," he said. "When I ask why, they say, 'Because I'd like to do the same thing.'" ☐

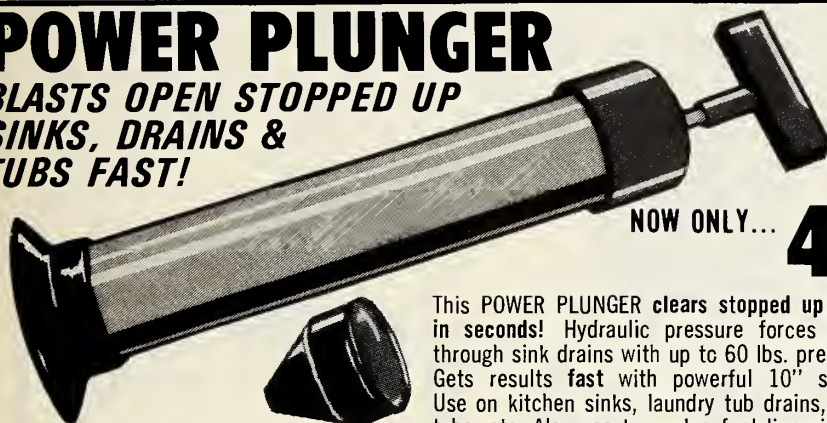


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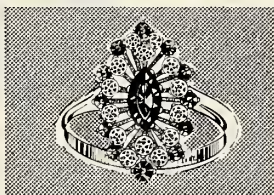
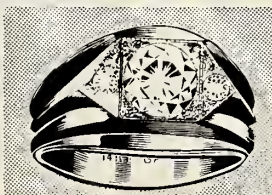
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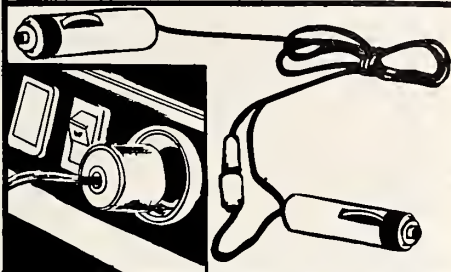
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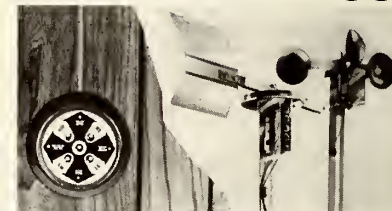
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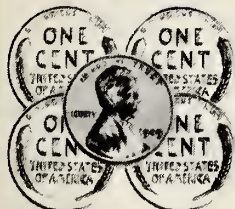
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# WINNING THE 'COLD WAR'

**A** BUNCH of guys are sitting around a table playing poker in a crowded room. Once in a while, someone sneezes or whips out a tissue to wipe his nose. A lot of the guys seem to be suffering from bad colds, but that doesn't stop the dealing.

This room is at the University of Wisconsin, and it's the setting for a research experiment on one of the toughest problems facing modern biomedical science—the common cold. The research done in these non-stop poker games has produced what seems to be one of the few real advances made in cold prevention.

The ordinary cold, the kind that you or your kids might get two or three times a year, is a challenge that makes one researcher say quite seriously, "I'd have less trouble if we were treating cancer." The challenge is so demanding that until a year or two ago, progress in efforts to prevent or cure colds was essentially nil. Now, however, thanks to some basic advances in medical technology and basic research, there really is some hope that something can be done to stop the sneezes and sniffles afflicting millions of Americans every year.

Why should the common cold be such a tough nut to crack? One reason, paradoxically, is that it isn't a very serious illness. Colds are self-limiting diseases that cause discomfort and inconvenience but not much more. That means doctors can't roll out heavy guns that might cause side effects more serious than the illness.

"The common cold is so benign as an illness that we need something very mild to treat it," said Dr. Robert Couch, a researcher at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas.

A second major problem is the cold isn't really a single illness. That problem explains why we don't have a vaccine to prevent it. Researchers thought they were near a vaccine about 30 years ago when they identified a virus called an adenovirus, believed to be the cause of colds.

But other researchers found another cold virus, a rhinovirus. Then they discovered dozens of adenoviruses,

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*The common cold is still alive but not well. Research using poker games and treated tissue may provide a breakthrough . . . at last.*

**By Edward Edelson**

more than a hundred rhinoviruses and then came the coronaviruses, the parainfluenza viruses, the echoviruses and the respiratory syncytial viruses. . . . Add up all the known cold viruses and you can account for only

about 60 percent of the estimated 100 million colds that occur yearly in the United States. Nobody could ever hope to get that many viruses into a single vaccine, so that research led to a dead end.



Generating a revival of hope is a set of completely different strategies. One of them, pioneered in the Wisconsin poker games, is to prevent viruses from spreading by some cheap convenient method—a tissue treated with a virus-killing substance. A second line of assault is to attack cold viruses by using one of the new natural substances, such as interferon, the body's own virus-killer. A third idea is to use other natural substances to eliminate the bothersome symptoms of a cold after infection occurs.

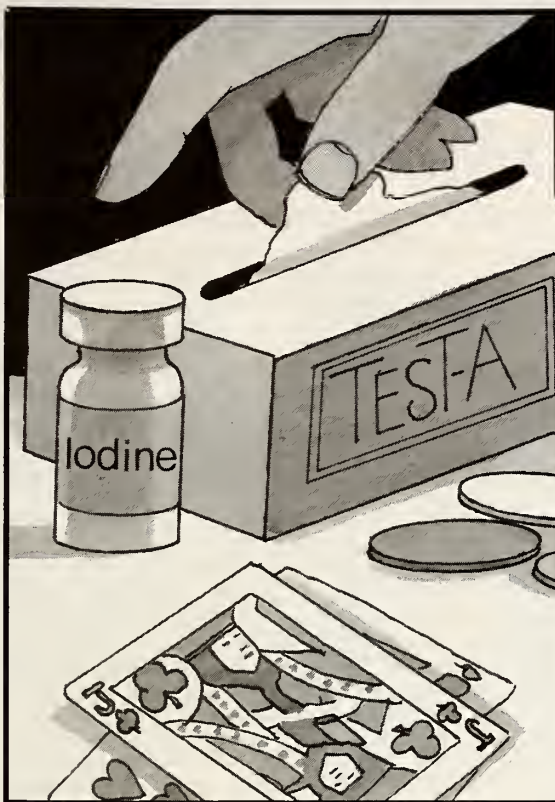
The first idea, the treated tissue, is furthest along, thanks to the poker games organized by Dr. Elliot C. Dick, a professor of preventive medicine at the University of Wisconsin. Dick said those games were the first successful effort to do something that seems simple, but is really fiendishly difficult—pass a cold from one person to another under scientifically controlled conditions.

"Until we devised this, there was no way to predict the transmission of colds from one person to another," Dick said. "With the help of the Kimberly-Clark Corporation, we devised an environment where individuals who had been given a rhinovirus cold in the laboratory were put together with other individuals who were healthy and susceptible."

What better way to keep volunteers together for 12 hours than to have them play poker—for keeps? (No one wins more than \$20, and the losers aren't out of pocket, so everyone ends up reasonably happy.) Three times, Dick put 8 infected men together with 12 healthy volunteers, and recorded a 70 percent rate of successful cold transmission.

The payoff was doing the same experiment, but having the volunteers use what Dick calls "viricidal tissues." The first such tissues were soaked in iodine, known to kill viruses on contact. They seemed to work fine—a cold epidemic in the Antarctic ended quickly when a supply of treated tissues was flown in—but they weren't a commercial reality because they stained hands and noses brown.

A breakthrough came when Shafi Hossain, the chief scientist at Kimberly-Clark, suggested using or-



dinary citric acid on the tissues. In two controlled tests, the treated tissues prevented colds from spreading from the infected poker players to the healthy ones.

Kimberly-Clark is already test-marketing treated tissues, but Dick wants more proof of their effective-

Merrigan of Stanford University showed that an interferon nasal spray could prevent colds in volunteers. Back then, though, interferon was expensive and scarce because it had to be extracted from human cells. Today, genetic engineers can make it literally by the bucketful at low prices. But other problems surfaced when researchers used interferon nasal sprays to combat colds.

"We're one of two or three groups working with interferon, and we all came up with the same answer," said Couch. "Given in high doses, it is very effective in preventing colds. But in three to five days, unacceptable side effects appear. In effect, interferon causes the same effects as the cold virus without the virus being there."

Gwaltney and colleague Dr. Frederick G. Hayden are trying a different tack. They use interferon to treat rather than prevent colds. Thus far, they have been able to show that interferon reduces the amount of virus shed by cold patients, but the effects on symptoms have been less impressive. Nosedrops seem to work better than the nasal spray, Gwaltney said, so research has focused on them.

A longer-term effort is to determine how a cold virus actually causes the miseries. Gwaltney started by looking at the lining of the nose. To his great surprise, rhinoviruses had almost no effect there.

"The virus most likely acts as a trigger," he said. "Then the body re-

**A** **NOTHER** line of attack is to use natural substances such as interferon—the body's own virus killer—to treat rather than to prevent common colds.

ness. "What we're working on now is a series of experiments to see how colds are transmitted, then controlled studies in a series of families," he said. "We'll start with youngsters, see what viruses they have, and see if we can stop their transmission."

Dr. Jack M. Gwaltney Jr., a leading cold researcher at the University of Virginia School of Medicine, is participating in tests of the viricidal tissue. But he and his colleagues also are working on an even more intriguing attack—interferon against the cold.

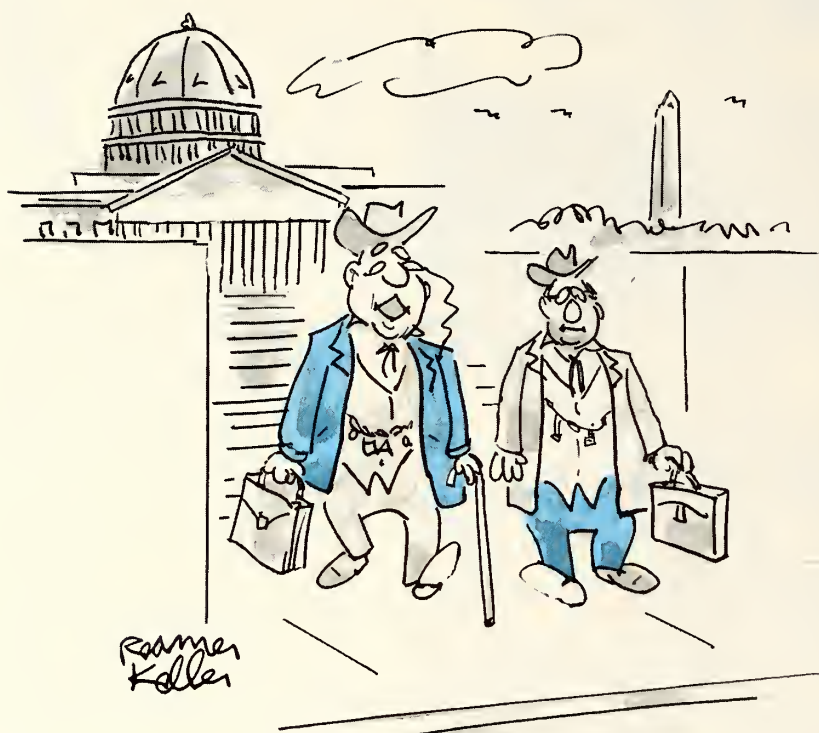
As far back as 1973, interferon, which the body's cells produce to fight virus infections, was the final answer to the cold. That year, Dr. Thomas

leases inflammatory substances, such as histamines, that cause the symptoms" to develop.

Histamine itself isn't the answer. If it were, today's antihistamines would give better relief than they do. Many researchers are directing their attention to recently discovered substances called leukotrienes, which act like histamine only more so. A drug that blocks leukotriene activity could be one answer to the common cold, Gwaltney said.

"But I think we'll end up with a combination of things—interferon, antileukotrienes, and so on," Gwaltney said. "All working together, they could be very effective." □





*"My bill proposes the government go bankrupt and start over."*

## Indeed

There'd be more friends in need  
I have concluded sadly,  
If when a friend was needed  
It wasn't quite so badly.

—S.H. Dewhurst

## Watt Light?

Of course children brighten up a  
home. They never turn out the lights.

—Irv Silverstein

## Better Left Closed

Nothing is opened more often by  
mistake than the mouth.

—Rilla May

## Immaterial

When she made herself a skimpy skirt  
It just took her an hour to do it.  
She certainly hit the nail on the head  
When she said there was nothing to it.

—Hans G. Mueller

## Test of Faith

Faith is what enables you to believe  
the next bus that comes along is the  
one you're waiting for.

—Gene Delaine

## Growing Pains

Adolescence has always meant  
growing pains, but it used to be the  
kids who had them.

—Ivern Ball

## Frozen in Time

We still remember the good old days  
when a pie was set out to cool . . . not  
to thaw!

—C.L. Rosnett

## Recommended Dosage

Flattery should be taken like per-  
fume: in small amounts and absolutely  
never swallowed.

—Edward Otto

## Opinion on Opinions

The value of an opinion depends on  
whether it's candid or candied.

—Frank Walsh

## Definition

Hypochondria: Sick-to-it-iveness

—Frank Tyger

## What's a Man To Do?

A househusband makes a living by the  
sweat of his frau.

—Tony Martini

## Discriminating Viewers

Youth is when television keeps you  
up; age is when it puts you to sleep.

—Gil Stern

## Sign of Antiquity

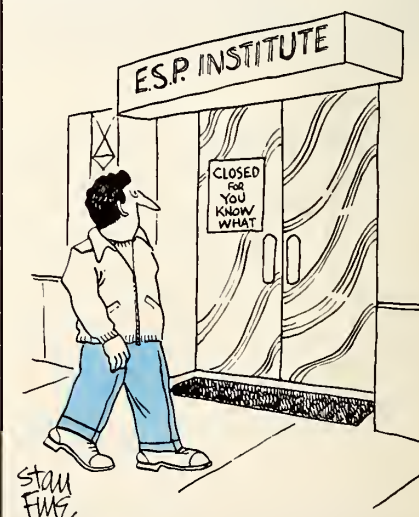
A friend's car was so old that when  
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## Definition

Censor: One-man ban.

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